

ORDINANCE NO. 070, 2022
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
REPEALING SECTIONS 23-90 TO 23-95 AND AMENDING SECTION 24-1
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRY SIGNS

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2017, City Council amended its Land Use Code Sign Regulations to ensure compliance with the Supreme Court's direction in *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* that sign regulation must be content and viewpoint neutral; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2017, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 088, 2017 amending Land Use Code ("LUC") Sections 3.8.7.1, 3.8.7.2, 3.8.7.3, 3.8.7.4, 3.8.7.5, and 3.8.7.6, collectively referred to as the "City of Fort Collins Sign Code" or the "Sign Code"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Sign Code is to comprehensively regulate the design, location, installation, display, operation, repair, maintenance and removal of signs in a manner that advances the City's compelling interests while safeguarding free speech and complying with *Reed*; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Sign Code update, the City regulated "Neighborhood Signs" in City Code Sections 23-90 to 23-95 and 24-1(4)-(5) & (7); and

WHEREAS, Sections 23-90 to 23-95 and 24-1(4)-(5) & (7) of the City Code were made redundant by adoption of the Sign Code; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds it is in the City's best interest to repeal City Code Sections 23-90, 23-91, 23-92, 23-94, and 23-95 and amend Section 24-1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That Chapter 23, Article III, Division 4 is hereby deleted in its entirety and held in reserve.

Section 3. That Section 24-1 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 24-1. Signs on streets, sidewalks and public rights-of-way prohibited; removal; exceptions; permit.

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 17-42, the following signs shall be permitted on streets, sidewalks and other areas owned by the City:


(4) Signs placed by the City on bus benches and bus shelters displaying advertisements, provided that:


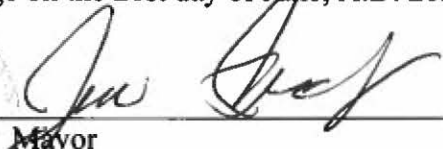
a. Any bus shelters displaying advertising signs shall be located either: (1) within three hundred (300) feet of any existing commercial/ retail or industrial use, (2) within three hundred (300) feet of any land zoned to permit any commercial/retail or industrial use, or (3) along any arterial street provided that no residential uses front on such arterial street within three hundred (300) feet of such bus shelter; and

b. If signs are placed on bus benches or bus shelters by a private contractor pursuant to a contract between the City and said contractor, such contract shall specify the content, size, placement, illumination, design and material to be used for the construction of the benches or shelters, and the signs placed thereon, so as to minimize the visual impacts of such signs on the general public and surrounding properties.


(5) Portable signs permitted under Article IV of this Chapter.

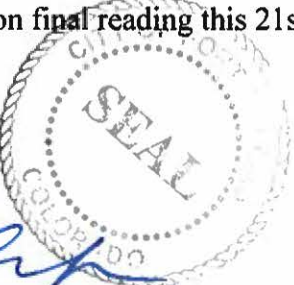
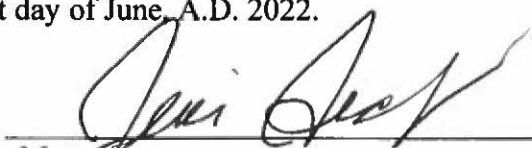
Introduced, considered favorably on first reading and ordered published this 7th day of June, A.D. 2022, and to be presented for final passage on the 21st day of June, A.D. 2022.

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

 
Mayor

Passed and adopted on final reading this 21st day of June, A.D. 2022.

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