

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS FOR THE DISPLAY OF SIGNS IN THE TOWN OF BELMONT, MISSISSIPPI, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENT THEREOF, AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the statutes of the State of Mississippi Title 17, Chapter 1, of the Mississippi Code of 1972 empower the Town to enact an ordinance and to provide for its administration, enforcement, and amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen deem it necessary, for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, aesthetics, morals, or general welfare of the city to enact such an ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT, MISSISSIPPI:

ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Purpose

This ordinance is enacted to promote the public health, safety, convenience, comfort, prosperity, and general welfare; to conserve and protect community aesthetics, property and property values; to provide a method of enforcement and administration; and to prescribe penalties for violations.

Enforcement

Violators of this ordinance are subject to a fine of up to \$50.00.

Interpretation and Conflict

In interpreting and applying this ordinance, its provisions shall be held to be the minimum requirements necessary for the promotion of public safety, health, convenience, comfort, prosperity, and general welfare. This ordinance is not intended to interfere with or annul any easements, covenants, or other agreements between parties unless they violate this ordinance. When two (2) specific provisions of this ordinance conflict or when a provision of this ordinance conflicts with any other code, statute, law, ordinance, or regulation, the most restrictive shall apply.

Powers, Conditional Uses

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall have the power and original jurisdiction to hear and decide, in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, any requests for variance from this ordinance.

REGULATIONS

1. Signs are defined as any structure, figure, character, picture or device used to announce, declare, display, advertise, or otherwise communicate to the public.
2. No signs of any type, including, but not limited to, yard sale, business or event signs shall be placed on street signs, traffic signs, utility poles or remnants thereof, trees in public right-of-way, or public building structure.

3. Signs shall be erected no more than three days prior to the first date of the sale or event and shall be removed by the beginning of the third business day following the last day of the sale or event and shall be displayed without lighting having a primary purpose or effect of illuminating the sign.
4. Signs shall be restricted in size to no more than 24 inches by 36 inches with a maximum display height of 48 inches as measured from the top of the sign to ground level.
5. Each sign shall be posted on an individual and removable support to be supplied the owner of the sign.
6. Signs shall not be placed on another's property without the written consent of the landowner.


As required by law, this ordinance shall be published one (1) time in the Belmont and Tishomingo Journal, a legal weekly newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Belmont, Tishomingo County, Mississippi, area, and shall take effect and become enforceable as provided by law in accordance with the laws and statues of the State of Mississippi.

Alderman Greg Pharr then moved for adoption of the above and foregoing ordinance; his motion was duly seconded by Alderman Steve Smith; with the vote by the full Board of Aldermen of the Town of Belmont, Mississippi, being, as follows:

Alderman Greg Pharr voted "Aye",
Alderman Max Ray Hutcheson voted "Aye",
Alderman Robert Hester voted "Aye",
Alderman Steve Smith voted "Aye",
Alderman Buddy Wiltshire voted "Aye",
Voting "Nay", none.

Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective on the 8th day of November, 2005. Adopted this the 4th Day of October, 2005.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk