

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ODUM THAT THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR & COUNCIL OF CITY OF ODUM ON Mar. 3, 2020 KNOWN AS THE SIGN ORDINANCE ON THE CITY OF ODUM RECORDS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR & COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ODOM, as follows:

Sec. 1. Purpose.

Because of special issues pertaining to the erection, placement, or maintenance of unlawful or unauthorized structure; removal thereof; penalty for violation; authorization of placement, erection, and maintenance of commercial advertisements

Sec. 2. Short Title.

This Article shall be known as and may be cited as "The Signage Regulations of Odum, Georgia"

Sec. 3. General.

(a) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, place, or maintain, within any dedicated right of way of any city road any sign, City easement, sign, signal, or other device except as otherwise authorized by this Code section or as required or authorized by any other ordinance and/or permit or the laws of the State of Georgia.

(2) The erection, placement, and maintenance of signs within the dedicated rights of way of any municipal streets may be authorized and governed by application to the City only. There shall be an application fee for the placement of said sign.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, place, or maintain in a place or position visible from any public road any unauthorized sign, signal, device, or other structure which:

(1) Imitates, resembles, or purports to be an official City sign;

(2) Hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any official city activity and/or any traffic-control device;

(3) Obstructs a clear view from any public road to any other portion of such public road, to intersecting or adjoining public roads, or to property abutting such public road in such a manner as to constitute a hazard to traffic on such roads; or

(4) Because of its nature, construction, or operation, constitutes a dangerous distraction to or interferes with the vision of drivers of motor vehicles.

(c) Any sign, signal, device, or other structure erected, placed, or maintained on the dedicated right of way of any city road in violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section or in violation of any ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section is declared to be a public nuisance, and the officials having jurisdiction of said city road and/or right of way affected may remove or direct the removal of the same. Where any sign, signal, device, or other structure is erected, placed, or maintained in violation of subsection (b) of this Code section, but not on the dedicated right of way of any public road, the officials having jurisdiction of the public road affected may order the removal of such structure by written notice to the owner of the structure or the owner of the land on which the structure is located. If such structure is not removed within thirty (30) days after the giving of such order of removal, such officials are authorized to remove or cause to be removed such structure and to submit a statement of expenses incurred in the removal to the owner of the structure or to the owner of the land on which the structure is located. If payment or arrangement to make payment is not made within sixty (60) days after the receipt of said statement, the department shall certify the amount thereof for collection to the Attorney General.

(d) Although the City reserved the right to remove any sign within a public right of way which may violate the provisions of Section (b) of this Ordinance, the purpose of this Ordinance is shall not require an application be made for temporary signs (i.e. events, garage sales, etc.). A "temporary sign" shall be defined as a sign that remains in a position for less than forty-eight (48) hours.

#### Sec. 4. Severability.

Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

#### Sec. 5. Repeal of conflicting ordinances.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

#### Sec. 6. Effective date.

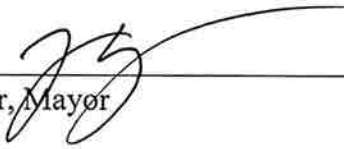
This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption, the public welfare demanding it.


Adopted by the Mayor & Council of the City of Odum,

FIRST READING Feb. 4, 2020

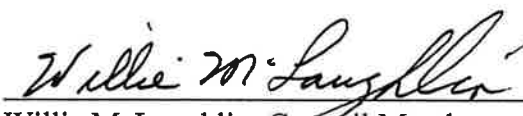
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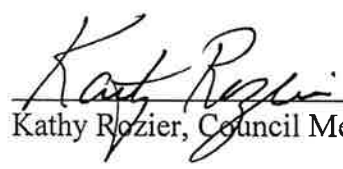
Passed by the Mayor and City Council this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Greg Rozier, Mayor

  
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Greg Leggett, Council Member

  
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Willie McLaughlin, Council Member

  
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Kevin Higgs, Council Member

ATTEST:

  
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Robbin Manners, Clerk  
City of Odum