

CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 12-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CHAPTER 32 SIGNS, ARTICLE III REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, DIVISION 6. SPECIFIC SIGN REGULATIONS BY ADDING A NEW SECTION, 32-315, TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR NON-PROFIT OFF-PREMISE SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Rockwall City Council deems the public interest to be best served by the adoption of additional rules and regulations as set out herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the Code of Ordinances in Chapter 32 - Signs, Article III Regulations and Requirements, Division 6 "Specific Sign Regulations" is hereby amended to add a new Section 32-315. "Non-profit off premise signs" which shall hereby read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 32-312. Non-profit off-premise signs

- (a) All non-profit off-premise signs must be made of corrugated plastic, otherwise known as coroplast signs. Non-profit off-premise signs shall be supported by t-posts on each side. Vinyl or cloth banner-type signs will not be allowed. Feather Flags not exceeding twelve (12) feet in height may be allowed in lieu of corrugated plastic signs.
- (b) All non-profit off-premise signs require a permit from the City.
- (c) A 501(c)(3) letter from the IRS must be presented with every non-profit off-premise sign application in order to be approved.
- (d) Each permit will allow a non-profit organization to place a maximum of six (6) off-premise signs.
- (e) There shall be only one non-profit off-premise sign per lot, parcel or tract of land.
- (f) Non-profit off-premise signs shall only be allowed on private property. Written permission from the property owner must be submitted with each application.
- (g) Non-profit off-premise signs may be displayed a maximum of 14 days.

- (h) There shall be a minimum 30 day interval between permits for each non-profit organization.
- (i) Non-profit off-premise signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in size.
- (j) There must be a minimum distance of sixty (60) feet between non-profit off-premise signs.
- (k) Non-profit off-premise signs along city streets must be placed a minimum of ten and one-half (10.5) feet from the back of the curb. Non-profit off-premise signs along state roadways must be placed a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from the back of the curb. Non-profit off-premise signs along John King Blvd. must be placed a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the back of the curb.
- (l) Non-profit off-premise signs shall not be placed within three hundred (300) feet of the following intersections:
 - (1) *I-30 @ Ridge Road*
 - (2) *I-30 @ S.H. 205*
 - (3) *Lakeshore Drive @ S.H. 66*
 - (4) *I-30 @ Horizon Rd./Village Dr.*
- (m) *Non-profit off-premise signs with expired permits must be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of the permit expiration, or be subject to the issuance of a citation.*

Section 2. That if any section, subsection, sentence, phrase, word, paragraph, provision of this ordinance or the application of that section, subsection, sentence, phrase, word, paragraph, or provision to any person, firm, corporation, situation, or circumstance is for any reason adjudged invalid, the adjudication shall not affect any other section, sentence, phrase, word, paragraph, or provision of the Code of Ordinances of the City.

The City Council declares that it would have adopted the valid portions and applications of this ordinance without the invalid parts, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable;

Section 3. That if any portion of this ordinance shall conflict with an existing ordinance of the City not specifically repealed herein, the City Council hereby declares that this ordinance shall prevail and that it is hereby attempting to repeal any conflicting provisions of any existing ordinance of the City;

Section 4. That any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this ordinance or who fails to obtain a special event permit shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, in the Municipal Court of Rockwall, TX, shall be subject to a fine in accordance with the general provisions of the Code of Ordinances.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and approval, in accordance with applicable law and the charter of the City of Rockwall, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,
TEXAS, this 16th day of April, 2012.



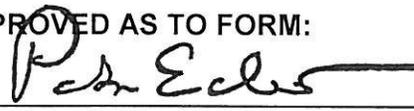
David Sweet, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Pete Eckert, City Attorney



1st Reading: 04-02-12

2nd Reading: 04-16-12