

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS, EXTENDING A MORATORIUM AGAINST ENFORCEMENT ON SECTIONS 6-15-3 (A), 6-15-4 AND 6-15-5 (3), (A) AND (B), (J) – (M), (4) AND (8), ARTICLE 16 “BUSINESS REGULATIONS” OF CHAPTER 6-15 “TEMPORARY SIGNS” FOR A PERIOD OF TIME UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2021; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO ADOPT REASONABLE REGULATION FOR SUCH PERIOD; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, as result of a nationwide pandemic from the novel COVID-19 virus and a nationwide state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas and County Judge of Dallas during 2020 and continuing thereafter well into calendar 2021, declared a state of emergency under state law and issued appropriate and lawful orders to close to close and/or restrict businesses and related activities; and

WHEREAS, the public health emergency has had a significant economic impact upon local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas County Judge have allowed business to reopen, however, current public health concerns regarding COVID-19 have continued to challenge for business and consumers; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Coppel desires to issue a moratorium on enforcement of the local temporary sign ordinance to assist local business to promote the reopening and re-establish patronage;

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

SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby extends and grants a moratorium against enforcement of Article 16, “Business Regulations”, Chapter 6-15, “Temporary Signs”, Sections 6-15-3 (A), 6-15-4 and 6-15-5(3), (A) and (B), (J) – (M), (4) and (8) regarding the permitting, use and maintenance of on premise temporary signage within the corporate jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Coppel Texas, previously ordained until expiration as provided in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee shall adopt reasonable procedures and regulations to govern on-premises temporary signage in conformity with this Ordinance; and such, procedures and regulations shall be promulgated and filed with the Office of the City Secretary.

SECTION 3. That should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance or the Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby, be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid the same shall not affect the remaining provisions of said ordinance or the Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby, which shall continue in full force and affect.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this moratorium ordinance shall expire on December 31, 2021 or unless sooner repealed by this Council.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Coppell, Texas, this the ____ day of _____, 2021.

CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS

APPROVED:

WES MAYS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASHLEY OWENS, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROBERT E. HAGER, CITY ATTORNEY