

ORDINANCE NO. 299

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF OUTDOOR SIGNS ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAME; AND ~~DECLARING~~ AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and th Council of the City of Stilwell, Oklahoma:

SECTION 1. SIGNS

A. Definition: Any fabricates sign or outdoor display structure, including its structure, consisting of any letter, figure, character, mark, point, plane, marquee sign, design, poster, pictorial, picture, stroke, strike, line, trademark, reading or illuminating device, which is constructed, attached, erected, fastened or manufactured in any manner so that the same shall be used for the attraction of the public to any place, subject, person, firm, corporation, public performance, article, machine or merchandise, and displayed in any manner out of doors for recognized advertising purposes.

SECTION 2. GENERAL

Signs shall not be erected or maintained which:

- A. Imitate or resemble any official traffic sign, signal or device.
- B. Are erected or maintained upon trees or drawn upon rocks or other natural features.
- C. Signs shall not be erected or maintained in such a manner as to obscure or otherwise physically interfere with an official traffic sign, signal or device or to obstruct or physically interfere with the driver's view of approaching, merging or intersecting traffic.

SECTION 3. SIZE

A. Signs shall not be erected which exceed one hundred twenty (120) square feet in area, per facing, including border and trim, nor shall signs be erected which exceed eight (8) feet in height not twelve (12) feet in length, excluding apron, supports and other structural members.

B. The maximum size limitations shall apply to each sign facing. Two signs not exceeding sixty (60) square feet each may be erected in a facing, side by side or "doubledecked". Back to back and/or V-type signs will be permitted, and shall be treated as one structure with one hundred twenty (120) square feet permitted for each, with not more than fifteen (15) feet between structures or faces, to allow for crossbracing.

SECTION 4. LIGHTING

A. Signs shall not be erected which contain, include, or are illuminated by any flashing, intermittent, revolving or moving light, except on-premise signs and those giving public service information such as, but not limited to, time, date, temperature, weather or news. Steadily burning lights in configuration of letters or pictures are not prohibited.

B. Signs shall not be erected or maintained which are not effectively shielded to prevent beams or rays of light from being directed at any portion of the traveled way of any streets or primary highway and are of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or to impair the vision of the driver of any motor vehicle.

C. Signs shall not be erected or maintained which shall be so illuminated that they obscure any official traffic sign, device, or signal, or imitate or may be confused with any such traffic sign, device, or signal.

SECTION 5. TEMPORARY SIGNS

A. Any sign intended for a limited period of display, including decoration displays for holidays or public demonstrations.

B. Temporary signs used for holidays, public demonstrations or

promotions of civic welfare or charitable purposes, which extend across streets or other public spaces shall be subject to special approval of the Stilwell City Council.

C. All temporary signs shall be taken up and removed, not more than thirty (30) days from the date the event was held.

SECTION 6. VIOLATIONS

Any person, firm or corporation who violates any section of this ordinance shall be subject to fine and costs in a sum not in excess of one hundred eighteen dollars (\$118.00).

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE

That an immediate necessity exists therefor for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist by reason whereof this ordinance should be in full force and effective from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED by the City Council this 2nd Day of August, 1999.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 2nd day of August, 1999.

Marilyn Hill-Russell
Mayor

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ATTEST: DEAN WATT
City Clerk

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