

CITY OF BRISTOL
ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, FLORIDA, TO BE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CITY OF BRISTOL LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, SECTION 4.7 SIGNS, LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING A PURPOSE AND INTENT; DESCRIBING SAID REVISIONS; ESTABLISHING APPLICABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR A COPY ON FILE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes empowers the City Council of the City of Bristol, Florida to prepare and enforce comprehensive plans and Land Development Regulations for the development of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 166.041, Florida Statutes empowers the City Council to adopt formal policy-making ordinances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 166.041, Florida Statutes, the City Council of the City of Bristol, Florida, held the required public hearings, with due public notice having been provided, to obtain public comment, and having considered all written and oral comments received; and

WHEREAS, in exercise of its authority the City Council of the City of Bristol, Florida, has determined it necessary and desirable to revise the City Land Development Code, Section 4.7 Signs, to encourage the most appropriate use of land, water and resources, consistent with the public interest; and deal effectively with future issues that may result from the use and development of land within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bristol, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Intent.

This Ordinance is enacted to carry out the purpose and intent of, and exercise the authority set out in, the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, Sections 163.3201, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes;

Section 2. Revision to the City of Bristol Land Development Code, Section 4.7 Signs.

The following Code revisions are hereby adopted:

Section 4.7 Signs

A. Sign shall mean any device designed to inform or attract the attention of persons not on the premises on which the sign is located, provided however, that the following shall not be included in the application of the regulations herein:

1. Signs not exceeding two (2) square feet in area and bearing only property numbers, post box numbers, names of occupants of premises, or other identification of premises not having commercial connotations;
2. Flags and insignia of any government except when displayed in connection with commercial promotion;
3. Legal notices; identification, informational, or directional signs erected or required by governmental bodies;
4. Integral decorative or architectural features of buildings, except letters, trademarks, moving parts, or moving lights;
5. Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking on private property, but bearing no advertising matter;
6. Signs advertising the sale, lease or rental of the premises on which the sign is located. Each sign shall not exceed six (6) square feet in surface area for residential districts or twelve (12) square feet in surface area for other districts.

B.1. Signs, number and surface area. For the purpose of determining number of signs, a sign shall be considered to be a single display surface or display device containing elements organized, related and composed to form a unit. Where matter is displayed in a random manner without organized relationship of elements, or where there is reasonable doubt about the relationship of elements, each element shall be considered to be a single sign. The surface area of a sign shall be computed as including the entire area within a regular geometric form or combinations of regular geometric forms constituting all of the display area of the sign and

including all of the elements of the matter displayed. Frames and structural members not bearing advertising matter shall not be included in computation of surface area.

B. 2. Commercial on-site signs:

1. Signs in the General Commercial areas adjacent to Highway 20 and Highway 12, shall not exceed seventy (70) square feet;
2. Signs in other Commercial areas shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet;
3. Signs in residential neighborhoods shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet;
4. Signs within residential subdivisions shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet.

B. 3. Commercial Off-site signs:

1. Bill Board signs in the General Commercial areas adjacent to Highway 20 and Highway 12, shall be consistent with and permitted by the State. The State permit shall be a condition of being approved by the City.
2. Non Bill Board signs in the General Commercial areas shall not exceed seventy (70) square feet;
3. Signs in other Commercial areas shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet;
4. Signs in residential neighborhoods shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet;
5. Signs within residential subdivisions shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet.

B. 4. Approval of signs:

1. Replacement of existing permitted signs may be approved by the Clerk/Code Administrator. Replacement signs must be in the same general location, cannot expand the size of the sign and cannot include any additional characteristics such as new lighting or expanded illumination.
2. All new signs and/or expanded signs that are not part of a site plan review and approval, must be approved by the City Council, through the Sign approval process.

C. Signs Prohibited.

1. Signs, on or overhanging public right of way or within one hundred (100) feet of traffic control lights, that contain red or green lights that might be confused with traffic control lights.
2. Signs that are in violation of the building or electrical code adopted by the City.
3. Signs or sign structures that interfere in any way with free use of any fire escape or emergency exit.

D. Existing Signs. All signs, advertising devices, structures of systems which exist at the date of adoption of this Section shall be permitted to continue until the use of such sign is discontinued for a period of six (6) months. Thereafter, such signs, if in conflict herewith, shall be removed at the owner's cost.

E. Applicable State and Federal Regulations. All signs located along State and Federal highways shall meet all applicable State and Federal Department of Transportation regulations pertaining to such signs.

Section 3. Applicability and Effective Date.

The applicability and effect of this Ordinance and the amended version of the City of Bristol Code shall become effective upon passage and filing with the Secretary of State.

Section 4. Severability.

If any provision or portion of this Ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Copy on File.

A certified copy of the enacting ordinance, as well as certified copies of the City of Bristol Land Development Code as amended shall be filed with the Clerk of the City of Bristol, Florida, and copies shall be made available to the public for a reasonable publication charge.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting, by City Council of the City of Bristol, Florida, this 10th day of October, 2011.

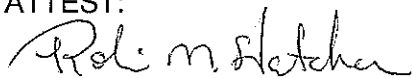
CITY OF BRISTOL, FLORIDA

BY:



, Chairman

ATTEST:



Robin Hatcher, Clerk

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