

Sign Ordinance (as amended)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI, AMENDING CHAPTER 12, SECTION 12.2.6 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT MISSISSIPPI AND REPEALING CERTAIN PARAGRAPHS THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi the following, to wit:

SECTION 1: Chapter 12, Section 12.2.6 of the Zoning Ordinance and Development Code of the City of West Point, Mississippi is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.2.6. Prohibited Signs

The following types of signs are prohibited in all districts.

(1) Advertising signs on vehicles, such as parked trucks or trailers, on private or public property, visible from a public street, which has attached thereto or located thereon any sign or advertising device for the basic purpose of directing attention to products or business activity, sold on or off the premises upon which such vehicle is located, except those permanent signs on commercial vehicles regularly used in the normal course of the business.(2) Billboards or other off-premises advertising signs.(3) Flashing, animated or moving signs of any sort, including revolving signs.(4) Gas filled balloons, search lights, or other moving devices with advertising purposes used for the basic purpose of directing attention to products or business activity, on or off site.(5) Portable or mobile signs, including any sign mounted on any type of frame, chassis, or trailer, whether on wheels skids or otherwise mounted, designed to be easily relocated and sometimes referred to as a mobile sign, portable sign or relocatable sign, except temporary real estate ground signs that call attention to rental, sale, or lease of property where it is posted, or a temporary activity taking place on the property where it is posted, like a party or garage sale. Provided however, signs announcing candidates seeking public office or relating to any election referendum shall be permitted. Such signs shall be confined to placement on private property. Such signs shall be removed within seven (7) days after the election or referendum has been decided. It shall be the responsibility of the candidate to have such signs removed.

(6) Roof signs, except those specifically authorized as a part of a building development plan and for which a permit has been issued by the Building Department.

(7) Signs on street right-of-way and public lands including any curb, sidewalk, utility pole, post, pole, hydrant, bridge, wall, fence, tree or other surface located on public property.

(8) Any sign that resembles or conflicts with any traffic control device or sign, or containing the words **stop, caution, go slow, danger, warning**, or similar words or phrases that may be construed to misdirect or confuse traffic flow, except traffic signs located within public or private parking lots and used solely for the internal movement of traffic.(9) (Repealed 11/09/2004).(10) Free standing signs, except those signs permitted in accordance with Section 12.2.6(5) hereof, located along any City, County, State, or Federal street, road, or highway, designed to be visible to traffic traveling a public way.(11) (Repealed 11/09/2004).(12) Signs not specifically permitted by the Zoning Ordinance and Development Code of the City of West Point, Mississippi.

Section 2: Violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and subject to the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the City of West Point, Mississippi, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1000, or imprisonment for a period of not more than ten (10) days, or both. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offence.

Section 3: This ordinance shall become effective from and after its publication as required by law.

Section 4: All Ordinances heretofore adopted by the City of West Point, Mississippi which are in conflict with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was previously reduced to writing, proposed and introduced for the consideration of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi, and was voted upon section by section and upon the Ordinance as a whole and was adopted on this the 9th day of November, 2004, by the said Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi, in lawful session assembled.

Dewel G. Brasher, Jr.

Kenneth D. Dill

City Clerk

Mayor