

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PLANNING AND ZONING CODE SECTION 1236.05(c),
ENTITLED SIGN STANDARDS.

WHEREAS, Planning Commission at its meeting on December 6, 2022 recommended amending Planning and Zoning Code Section 1236.05(c); and

WHEREAS, Council coming now to consider said recommendation approves it in full.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF AVON LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

Section No. 1: That Planning and Zoning Code Section 1236.05(c) is hereby amended as follows:

Review and Permit Requirements

- (a) To ensure compliance with these regulations, a zoning permit shall be required to be issued unless specifically exempted in this chapter.
- (b) Zoning permits for signs in a historic district or on a landmark site shall not be considered until a COA has been approved.
- (c) **Signage requests not related to a use or development that requires site plan approval may be approved administratively by the Code Administrator, provided that such request(s) adheres to all the applicable code requirements listed in this Section. The Code Administrator shall have the option to defer the signage request to the Planning Commission for approval.** All permanent signs related to a use or development that requires a site plan review approval (See Section 1214.06: Site Plans) shall be required to be reviewed as part of the site plan review application prior to issuance of a zoning permit. ~~This shall also include any changes to signs, except for sign face changes, even if there are no changes to the use or other site structures.~~ During such review, the Planning Commission shall consider the following design criteria, without consideration of the message, in addition to the numerical standards of this chapter:
 - (1) The lettering shall be large enough to be easily read but not overly large or out of scale with the building or site;
 - (2) The number of items, letters, symbols and shapes shall be consistent with the amount of information which can be comprehended by the viewer; reflect simplicity; avoid visual clutter; and improve legibility;
 - (3) The shape of the sign shall be simple and not create visual clutter, and the sign should be consolidated to a minimum number of elements;
 - (4) The size, style and location of the sign shall be appropriate to the activity of the site;

- (5) The sign shall compliment the building and adjacent buildings by being designed and placed to enhance the architecture;
- (6) Signs shall have an appropriate contrast and be designed with a limited number of, and harmonious use of, colors;
- (7) Extraneous elements, by virtue of inappropriate remodeling, and which exist at the time a new sign is proposed, shall be removed to improve the clarity and design of the proposed sign and restore the intended character of the building;
- (8) Signs, if seen in series, shall have a continuity of design with the style of sign generally consistent throughout the building or block;
- (9) Visible frames or supports for projecting signs shall be artistic in nature; and
- (10) A sign should be constructed with a minimum of different types of material so as to provide a consistent overall appearance.

Section No. 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section No. 3: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

1st reading: 12/12/2022

2nd reading:

3rd reading:

PASSED: 12/19/2022

/s/ Martin E. O'Donnell

President of Council

POSTED: 12/23/2022

APPROVED: 12/20/2022

ATTEST: /s/ Valerie E. Rosmarin

Clerk of Council

/s/ Gregory J. Zilka

Mayor