

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-16
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Rinker and Council as a Whole

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1185.14
RELATING TO SIGNS PERMITTED IN ANY DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, after review by the Ordinance Review Committee it is their recommendation that Codified Ordinance Section 1185.14, SIGNS PERMITTED IN ANY DISTRICT, be revised so as to allow non-commercial opinion signs and no longer require permits for political signs; and

WHEREAS, Village Council deems it in the best interest of the Village and its residents to amend Codified Ordinance Section 1185.14 as recommended by the Ordinance Review Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 1185.14 of the Village's Codified Ordinances as enacted and per the recommendation of the Ordinance Review Committee be amended to read as more fully set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. All other provisions of the Village Codified Ordinances not inconsistent herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Codifier of the Village of Mayfield.

SECTION 4. The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Mayfield Village, Ohio. It shall, therefore, take effect immediately upon the passage by the

1185.14 SIGNS PERMITTED IN ANY DISTRICT.

(a) Development Signs. One temporary development sign shall be permitted announcing a proposed building or a building under construction. Such signs shall be removed within fourteen days of the intended use of the project. Development signs shall not exceed thirty-two square feet in area. Development signs not affixed to buildings shall be perpendicular to the street.

(b) Security Signs. Security signs shall be of a type readily affixed to a window, or placed on the ground with a suitable support. Security signs shall not exceed one square feet in area. (Ord. 96-27. Passed 8-5-96.)

(c) Non-commercial opinion sign. One non-commercial opinion sign shall be allowed year-round per parcel. A non-commercial opinion sign is a sign which does not advertise products, goods, businesses or services and which expresses an opinion or other point of view. During the period in which political signs are permitted in accordance with Section 1185.14(d)(5), each parcel shall be permitted to display additional non-commercial opinion signs according to the number of candidates and issues on the ballot.

(d) Political Signs. Political signs shall be permitted only in accordance with the following regulations:

- (1) Such signs shall be located not less than twenty feet from the right-of-way line.
- (2) No sign shall exceed nine square feet in area.
- (3) Such signs shall not be illuminated in any manner.
- (4) Such sign shall be located as close to the center of the property as possible as measured by the front footage.
- (5) No political sign shall be erected and posted more than sixty (60) days before an election. Each such sign shall bear the name of the campaign chairperson or treasurer, and the address of each person, who, together with the candidate(s) shall be responsible for compliance with these regulations, and for the payment of any fines. Each sign shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the Election Day. Any sign not so removed may be thereafter removed by the authority of the Building Commissioner; and the responsible party, shall pay a ten dollar (\$10.00) charge for each sign remaining after the deadline.
- (6) Such signs shall not present a vision problem to vehicular traffic as determined by the Chief of Police.
- (7) Such signs shall be either parallel or perpendicular to the frontage street of such property.

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(8) There shall only be one sign per candidate or issue per permanent parcel number.

(9) Political signs shall be displayed in front yards only, and if a vacant lot, shall be displayed in the front half of the yard.

(10) Signs shall be securely fastened to the support stakes or posts, and inserted or anchored to the ground in such a fashion that weather conditions will not cause them to fall, bend, lean or twist.

(11) Any damage to property caused by the signs shall be repaired upon removal.

(12) Only the signs which are of candidates or issues which are on the ballot for electors in the Municipality shall be permitted to be located within the Municipality.

(13) Candidates are personally responsible to keep a constant watch on their signs and to maintain such signs in good condition, and to insure their continual compliance with this code. In the event signs are no longer in good condition and are found to be deteriorating, candidates are personally responsible to replace or remove such sign immediately.

(14) ~~At the time a candidate or his/her representative takes out permits for political signs, they shall sign a receipt indicating they have received a copy of the Codified Ordinances pertaining to political sign regulations.~~ Any violation of this section shall cause notice from the Building Commissioner's office to the candidate, who shall correct the violation immediately, but not more than seventy-two hours from the time of the notification. Thereafter, the Building Commissioner shall have the authority to remove such signs and place them in the Service Garage. ~~At such time, the candidate shall forfeit ten dollars (\$10.00) for each sign so confiscated, out of his/her deposit.~~ (Ord. 2008-32. Passed 8-18-08.)

(e) Municipal Functions. Temporary signs for municipal functions shall be permitted and shall not be subject to any of the guidelines under this chapter, except that no such sign shall be permitted in excess of thirty days.

(Ord. 96-27. Passed 8-5-96.)