

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §4.11 (NONCONFORMING AND NON-COMPLYING SIGN PROVISIONS) OF THE CITY OF EASLEY ZONING ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Easley Zoning Ordinance regulates sign guidelines and regulations throughout the City of Easley; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council adopted §4.11 (Nonconforming and Non-complying Sign Provisions) of the Zoning Ordinance and established new signage guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, §4.11 (Nonconforming and Non-complying Sign Provisions) of the Zoning Ordinance provided until January 1, 2021 for all nonconforming and non-complying signs to be brought into compliance and provided guidelines on alterations; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council desires to amend §4.11 (Nonconforming and Non-complying Sign Provisions) of the Zoning Ordinance to extend the deadline for compliance due to impacts related to COVID-19.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EASLEY, SOUTH CAROLINA THAT 4.11 (NONCONFORMING AND NON-COMPLYING SIGN PROVISIONS) OF THE CITY OF EASLEY ZONING ORDINANCE IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**§4.11 Nonconforming and Non-complying Sign Provisions**

**§4.11.1 General**

Any sign lawfully existing at the time of the enactment of this ordinance or any amendment thereto but which is not permitted either by type of sign, location, or district or which fails to meet the standards or regulations shall be classified as either nonconforming or non-complying as per definitions. Signs existing on the effective date of this Ordinance which do not conform to the regulations set forth in this Ordinance shall become non-conforming uses and shall be discontinued within a reasonable period of amortization of the sign. Uses of signs, which become non-conforming by reason of a subsequent change in this Ordinance, shall also be discontinued within a reasonable period of amortization of the sign. The period of amortization caused by changes to this Ordinance for signs shall expire on:

1. Advertising signs – ~~January 1st, 2021~~ July 1, 2021
2. Business signs – ~~January 1st, 2021~~ July 1, 2021

In addition, nonconforming signs shall be removed when the Enforcing Officer utilizing certain appropriate sections of the adopted building code, the Easley Municipal Code, and/or various provisions of this ordinance deem such signs as being dilapidated and constituting a definite health hazard to the public.

**DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EASLEY, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_**

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk