

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 78-65

INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER BYRD

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE PONTE VEDRA ZONING REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON OCTOBER 26, 1965 BY ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE ERECTION AND DISPLAY OF SIGNS WITHIN THE PONTE VEDRA ZONING DISTRICT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ADDING SIGN RELATED DEFINITIONS TO SECTION ONE OF THE REGULATIONS; BY DELETING EXISTING WORDING IN SECTION IX - SIGNS IN THE REGULATIONS; BY ADDING NEW WORDING IN SAID SECTION IX - SIGNS THAT REGULATE THE NUMBER, TYPE, SIZE, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, PLACEMENT, CONTENT AND DURATION OF SIGNS PERMITTED IN EACH OF THE ZONING DISTRICTS WITHIN SAID PONTE VEDRA ZONING DISTRICT: BY PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS; BY PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; BY PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF NON-CONFORMING SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING PENALTIES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Ponte Vedra Zoning Board has heretofore filed their written request with the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida requesting an amendment to the Ponte Vedra Zoning Regulations adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on October 26, 1965, and public notice has heretofore been given as provided by law and proof of publication having been filed with this Board at regular meeting on October 10, 1978.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Ponte Vedra Zoning District Regulations adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on October 26, 1965 as previously amended is hereby amended as follows:

ADD the following definitions to SECTION I Definitions:

Sign. Sign means any structure or device which is erected, constructed or maintained outside of enclosed buildings, or structures for the purpose of display, information, advertisement, or attraction of the attention of persons, and includes among others, posters, pictures, pictorial or reading matter, and any letter, word, model, device or representation used in the nature of any advertisement, announcement, attraction or direction. The national flag of the United States of America and State of Florida flag shall not be construed as signs.

SIGN, CAMPAIGN. A sign erected to advocate the candidacy of a party or individual(s) for elective office, an issue, cause, or referendum.

SIGN, NON-CONFORMING. An advertising structure or sign which was lawfully erected and maintained prior to such time as it came within the purview of this regulation.

DEFINITIONS -- SIGNS

Wall Sign: A sign attached to, or painted on, the wall of any building when such sign projects not more than twelve (12) inches from the building.

Ground Sign: A sign supported by uprights, braces or footings placed in or upon the ground and not attached to any building.

Roof Sign: A sign erected upon, or which extends above, the roof of the building to which it is attached.

Snipe Sign: A sign made of any material when such sign is tacked, nailed, posted, pasted, glued or otherwise attached to trees, poles, stakes, or fences, or to other such objects.

Banner-type Sign: Signs or displays comprised wholly or in part of banners or flags.

Spectacular Sign, or Animated Sign: Any sign which moves or has moving parts, or which has intermittent or varying lighting.

Pole Sign: A sign erected upon a pole or poles and which is wholly independent of any building for support. A free standing sign.

DEFINITIONS -- SIGNS (continued)

Shopping Center: A group of retail stores, service establishments, or any other business planned to serve a community or neighborhood, not necessarily owned by one party nor by a single land ownership, which are adjacent to and utilizing a common parking area or common parking areas.

Sign, Face Area: The square inch or square foot area enclosed by the perimeter of the sign, provided, however, that concerning painted wall signs or flat signs, when composed of letters only (whether script or printed letters) sign area is the sum of the areas of the smallest contiguous rectangles each capable of containing one such letter.

Face Area shall exclude supports and minor projections which represent five per cent (5%) or less of the total face sign area.

Sign, Awning: A sign painted, stamped, perforated, or stitched or otherwise applied on the valance of an awning.

Sub-Division: A group of homes and/or lots in a community or neighborhood owned by several individuals situated in a contiguous area identified and known by a name selected by the developer.

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DELETE all wording in SECTION IX Signs, and substitute the following wording:

Signs shall be permitted in the various zoning districts only in accordance with the following:

1. NUMBER AND SIZE OF SIGNS PERMITTED IN R-1-A, R-1-B, R-1-C & R-1-D -- SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Signs pertaining to the sale, lease or rental of property or buildings shall be permitted in any single-family residential district or on any lots or parcels of land utilized for single-family dwellings subject to the following conditions and restrictions;

- (a) Only one (1) sign shall be permitted on any one lot or parcel of land in addition to any exempt signs covered in this regulation.
- (b) The face surface of such sign shall not be larger than eighty (80) square inches.
- (c) The sign shall be constructed only of metal, plastic, wood or pressed wood and shall be fastened to a supporting member constructed of angle iron not exceeding one (1) inch by one (1) inch.
- (d) The supporting member shall be driven into the ground to provide that the top of the face of such sign shall not be more than four (4) feet above the finished grade of the ground.
- (e) All such signs shall be lettered professionally.

- (f) Such sign shall be so erected or placed that its center line is parallel or perpendicular to the front property line.
- (g) Such sign shall not be erected or placed closer than five (5) feet to the front property line.
- (h) Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the same wording from being on both the front and back of the sign.
- (i) Where such sign is suspended from an arm of the support, such arm shall not exceed a length of twenty (20) inches.
- (j) Such sign shall be kept in good repair and shall not be illuminated, animated, or constructed of a reflective material and shall not contain any flags, streamers, moveable items or like devices.
- (k) Any such sign shall be removed within five (5) days from the date a binding agreement is entered into for the sale, lease or rental of the property or immediately upon the removal of the property from the market, whichever occurs first.
- (l) No off-site sign shall be permitted other than exempted signs.

- (m) Signs attached to or placed on a vehicle (including trailers) that are parked on public or private property shall be prohibited.
- (n) No Commercial advertising sign pertaining to products or services rendered shall be permitted.

2. NUMBER AND SIZE OF SIGNS PERMITTED IN:

R-2 Multiple Family Residential District.

Signs: No roof signs, snipe signs, banner-type signs, spectacular signs, or animated signs, pole signs, or standard highway billboards shall be permitted in a R-2 District.

Apartments, Hotels and Motels: Shall be limited to one wall sign in painted or molded letters. The face area of such sign shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet.

One ground sign, in addition to a wall sign, may be installed when used in connection with the apartment, hotel or motel in painted or molded letters, and shall be on-site. The total ground sign face area shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet. Such sign may be double-faced.

In construing the provisions of this section, signs erected within or upon doors containing letters not exceeding six (6) inches in height shall not be counted in computing the number of signs.

R-2 Multiple Family Residential District - (Continued)

Real Estate For Sale, Lease or Rental signs may be installed in addition to the above limits provided the face area of the sign shall not be greater than eighty (80) square inches and limited to one sign per building plot and subject to the same conditions and restrictions as outlined for single-family residential districts.

NUMBER AND SIZE OF SIGNS PERMITTED IN:

R-3 Multiple-Family - Semi-Commercial District

Signs: No roof signs, snipe signs, banner-type signs, spectacular signs, or animated signs, pole signs, or standard highway billboards shall be permitted in a R-3 District.

Commercial Buildings: Hotels, Motels or Apartments - Shall be limited to one (1) wall sign upon the front elevation of the building. When such building abuts both on front and side streets, one (1) wall sign may also be located upon the side street elevation of the building. The total wall sign area for each building establishment shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet per face.

One (1) ground sign, in addition to a wall sign, may be installed by commercial building occupants when used in connection with a business conducted on the premises, and shall be on-site. Said sign shall not create a traffic hazard or endanger the public safety. The total ground sign face area shall not exceed forty (40) square feet per sign face.

R-3 Multiple-Family - Semi-Commercial District (Continued)

One (1) awning sign may be substituted, on the front elevation of the building, for a wall sign.

In construing the provisions of this section, signs erected within or upon show windows, cantilevers and marquees shall be considered in computing the number of wall signs on the building; provided, however, that signs upon show windows, display windows or doors containing letters not exceeding six (6) inches in height shall not be counted in computing the number of wall signs.

Office and Professional Buildings. Offices and professional buildings shall be limited to the following signs:

1. One (1) wall sign not exceeding twenty-four (24) square feet per face area.
2. One (1) directory sign containing the names of individuals, organizations or businesses occupying the building not exceeding fifteen (15) square feet per face area.
3. One (1) ground sign, in addition to a wall sign, may be installed and shall be on-site. The size shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet per face area.

R-3 Multiple-Family - Semi-Commercial District. (Continued)

Where such office or professional buildings contain retail or service establishments upon the first floor, signs may be erected upon such retail or service establishments, as provided for under "Commercial Buildings."

One (1) double-faced sign with a face area not to exceed one hundred (100) square feet on each side with the same wording on the front and back side of a sign may be installed on-site, for each street frontage, to identify a shopping center location.

Real Estate for Sale, Lease or Rental Signs may be installed in addition to the above limits provided the face surface of the sign shall not be greater than one (1) square foot and limited to one (1) sign per store or office.

4. EXEMPTED SIGNS. The following signs shall be exempt from the provisions of this section:

- (a) Official county or state information signs designed and installed by the county or state.
- (b) Official traffic signs and sign structures, provisional warning signs and sign structures when erected or required to be erected by a legally-constituted governing body.
- (c) Campaign signs for candidates of public office with the proviso no candidate signs or placards shall be permitted to be erected or placed on vacant lots, utility poles, trees, etc.
- (d) Signs reading "owner's name" and/or "street numbers."
- (e) One (1) on-site "Garage Sale" sign to be installed on a temporary basis not exceeding forty-eight (48) hours in duration and not to exceed one (1) square foot in size.
- (f) A sign or bulletin board not exceeding twenty-five (25) square feet may be erected on the premises of a church in any zoning district.
- (g) One (1) sign identifying a sub-division of homes with the name only of the sub-division not to exceed 125 square feet of face area.

EXEMPTED SIGNS. (Continued)

- (h) Signs installed on golf course property with wording pertaining only to golf information, which may or may not be snipe signs.
- (i) One (1) sign denoting the owner's name or general contractor's name and street number shall be permitted upon lots or parcels of land when a building or project on said lot or parcel of land may be erected on the street side of the property, but shall be a temporary sign only to identify the job site and shall be removed when the building has been completed. Such sign shall not exceed one (1) square foot of face area.
- (j) Warning signs stating pesticide has been sprayed on lawns or gases have been used to fumigate buildings. Said signs to be temporary and removed once the danger period of inhalation has passed. The exterminator's trade name, address and phone number may be shown on these warning signs.
- (k) Signs prohibiting trespassing on property. Such signs shall not exceed one (1) square foot of face area.

5. PROHIBITED SIGNS:

- (a) No off-site advertising sign shall be permitted in any zoning district. No sign shall project beyond the property line over any public street, right-of-way, walk or alley.
- (b) No sign shall be painted on the roof of any building or structure in any zoning district.

6. REMOVAL OF NON-CONFORMING SIGNS:

All non-conforming signs and sign structures in existence upon the effective date of this section shall be removed by the owner of said sign or by the owner of the property where the sign is located on or before January 1, 1979. The Zoning Official, or other authorized official, of St. Johns County may cause to be removed any sign not conforming with the provisions of these sign regulations, whether such violations occur within single family residential districts, multiple family residential districts, multiple family semi-commercial districts or other districts within the Ponte Vedra zoning district.

7. PENALTIES:

Any person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating any provision of this Ordinance, shall be punished by a fine of not more than FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS, or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day any violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

8. REMEDIES:

The violation of any provisions of this ordinance may be restricted by injunction, including a mandatory injunction, and otherwise abated in any manner provided by law, and such suit or action may be instituted and maintained by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, or by any person, firm, corporation, association or other group or body affected by the violation of any such regulations, restriction or limitation.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon receipt of official acknowledgment by the Office of the Secretary of State to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that same has been filed.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA this 10th day of October, 1978.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

BY: *[Signature]*
Its _____ Chairman

ATTEST:

Marie Hudson
Deputy Clerk



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STATE OF FLORIDA }
 COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS }

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared _____
Robert E. Martin who on oath says that he is
General Manager of the St. Augustine Record, a
 daily newspaper published at St. Augustine in St. Johns County, Florida;
 that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Notice
Board of County Commissioners Meeting
 _____ in the matter of sign regulations
in Ponte Vedra
 _____ in the _____ Court.
 was published in said newspaper in the issues of Sept. 16, 1978

Affiant further says that the St. Augustine Record is a newspaper published at St. Augustine, in said St. Johns County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said St. Johns County, Florida, each day, except Sundays, and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in the City of St. Augustine, in said St. Johns County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that he has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
 this 20th day of September

A.D. 19 78
[Signature]
 Notary Public

COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 10, 1978, AT 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M. IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ROOM, ST. JOHNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS, STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE PONTE VEDRA ZONING REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON OCTOBER 26, 1965 BY ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE ERECTION AND DISPLAY OF SIGNS WITHIN THE PONTE VEDRA ZONING DISTRICT OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ADDING SIGN RELATED DEFINITIONS TO SECTION ONE OF THE REGULATIONS, BY DELETING EXISTING WORDING IN SECTION IX - SIGNS IN THE REGULATIONS, BY ADDING NEW WORDING IN SAID SECTION IX - SIGNS THAT REGULATE THE NUMBER, TYPE, SIZE, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, PLACEMENT, CONTENT AND DURATION OF SIGNS PERMITTED IN EACH OF THE ZONING DISTRICTS WITHIN SAID PONTE VEDRA ZONING DISTRICT, BY PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS; BY PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS, BY PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF NON-CONFORMING SIGNS, PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING PENALTIES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The proposed Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, St. Johns County, Florida, St. Johns County Courthouse, and may be examined by parties interested prior to said public hearing. All parties having any interest in said Ordinance will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. Dated this 12th day of September, 1978
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 BY OLIVER LAWTON
 Its Clerk
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Secretary of State

STATE OF FLORIDA
THE CAPITOL
TALLAHASSEE 32304

Jesse J. McCrary, Jr.
SECRETARY OF STATE

David Cardwell
Director, Division of Elections
904/488 7690

October 13, 1978

Honorable Oliver Lawton
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Post Office Drawer 300
St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Dear Mr. Lawton:

FILED AND RECORDED IN
PUBLIC RECORDS OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLA.

1978 OCT 16 AM 10:13

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida
Statutes; this will acknowledge:

Oliver Lawton
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT
October 11, 1978

- 1. Receipt of your letter/s of and certified copy/ies of St. Johns County Ordinance/s No./s 78-65
2. Receipt of County Ordinance/s relative to
3. Receipt of an original/ls and certified copy/ies of County Ordinance/s No./s
4. We have filed this/these Ordinance/s in this office October 13 1978.
5. We have numbered this/these Ordinance/s and was/were filed in this office 1978.
6. The original/duplicate copy/ies showing filing date is/are being returned for your records.

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Nancy Kavanaugh
Chief, Bureau of Laws

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