

Section 9: Newly annexed signs.

Signs in areas annexed into the City Limits or newly encompassed by an expanded ETJ shall be treated as nonconforming signs. If required for the type of existing sign, a permit shall be issued upon application.

Section 10: Abandoned signs.

An abandoned sign is a sign that advertises a business or project that has ceased operations in excess of ninety (90) days, unless the property is leased, in which case the sign shall be removed after six (6) months. The owner shall remove any sign and/or sign structure that has not been used for advertising or promoting a going concern for at least one (1) year. For the purposes of this section, a business or project has ceased to operate when it is no longer engaged in the sale of products or services in the normal course of business.

Section 11: Offenses.

It is an offense for any person to violate or cause, allow or permit a violation any provision of this Ordinance, or commit an act designated as unlawful by this Ordinance, and the person who violates or causes, allows or permits a violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$2,000. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 12: Appeals.

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Sign Administrator may appeal the administrative decision to the City Council by giving written notice to the Sign Administrator within thirty (30) days of the administrative decision.

Section 13: Publication and effective date.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and publication of this Ordinance or a caption that summarizes the purpose of this Ordinance and the penalty for violating this Ordinance in every issue of the official newspaper for two days, or one issue of the newspaper if the official newspaper is a weekly paper, in accordance with Section 52.011 of the Local Government Code.

Section 14: Severability.

In the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part of provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Weston Lakes, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or

whether there be one or more parts.

Section 15: Conflict.

To the extent a conflict exists between this Ordinance and any other City ordinance, the most restrictive requirement shall apply. This Ordinance shall not apply to the extent Fort Bend County adopts rules and regulations for signs in accordance with Section 216.902 of the Texas Local Government Code.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25 day of June, 2019.


Mary Rose Zduńkewicz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jenni McJunkin, City Secretary