ORDINANCE 16-O-48 amending Murfreesboro City Code, Chapter 25.25 - Signs, Sections 25.25-2, 25.25-24 and 25.25-26, dealing with certain definitions, prohibited signs, signs placed in easements, height of attached signs in the CBD, and interstate on-site signs.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amend Sign Ordinance Section 25.25-2 Definitions, Interpretation by adding the following new definitions in alphabetical order:

Awning: A roof-like cover or shelter attached to a building or a portion thereof and constructed of rigid or non-rigid materials on or under a supporting framework that may be either permanent or retractable.

Awning sign: A type of attached sign that is painted on, printed on or attached to an awning. An awning sign is allowable in all zones where an attached sign is allowable and counts as all or a part of the allowable attached signage.

Projecting sign: A type of attached sign that is substantially perpendicular to the surface to which it is attached. The inner edge of a projecting sign may not extend more than 1 ft. from the surface to which it is attached and the outer edge of a projecting sign may not extend more than 6 ft. from the surface to which it is attached. The bottom edge of a projecting sign must be at least 10 ft. above the surface below the projecting sign. A projecting sign must be setback at least 10 ft. from power lines and may not extend over ROW except if the surface to which it is attached is adjacent to the ROW. The support structure for a projecting sign must be designed and stamped by a Tennessee licensed structural engineer. A projecting sign is allowable in all zones where an attached sign is allowable and counts as all or a part of the allowable attached signage. A projecting sign may not have more than two sign faces; if the two sign faces are identical and back to back, only one sign face counts toward the allowable attached signage. If the two sign faces are different, or if they are to any extent "V" shaped, both sign faces count toward the allowable attached signage. Illumination is allowed to the same extent as other attached signs in the zone district in which the projecting sign is located.

SECTION 2. Amend Sign Ordinance Section 25.25-2 Definitions, Interpretation by amending the definition of "Attached sign" by changing the sentence that currently reads, "An attached sign may not extend beyond any limits of the surface to which it is attached" to read as follows: "An attached sign may not extend above the height of the building elevation to which it is attached."

SECTION 3. Amend Sign Ordinance Section 25.25-24(A)(18) to read as follows:

"(18) No attached sign that is mounted parallel to the surface to which it is attached) shall extend more than 18 inches beyond the surface to which it is attached."

SECTION 4. Amend Sign Ordinance Section 25.25-24(A)(22) by deleting same and replacing it with the following:

> (22) No sign of any type or any foundation or vertical support thereof shall be placed in or over a public utility or drainage easement unless the holder(s) of the easement consent in writing to such placement and such placement is approved in writing by the Chief Building Official, with such conditions as the Chief Building Official shall deem to be appropriate. The Building & Codes Department shall provide forms for evidencing the consent of easement holder(s) and approval of the Chief Building Official.

SECTION 5. Amend Sign Ordinance Section 25.25-26(C)(3)(a)[1], and Section 25.25-26(C)(3)(c) by deleting from each the following: "Height – Ground level floor or 16 ft., whichever is higher."

SECTION 6. Amend Sign Ordinance Section 25.25-26(C)(4)(b)[8], Section 25.25-26(C)(4)(c)[5], and Section 25.25-26(C)(4)(d)[5] by deleting subsections [ee] and [ff] from each and redesignating current subsection [gg] as subsection [ee].

SECTION 7. That this Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its passage upon second and final reading, the public welfare and the welfare of the City requiring it.

Passed:

1st reading November 17, 2016

2nd reading December 1, 2016

Shane McFarland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa B. Wright
City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Craig D. Tindall
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