

ORDINANCE NO.: 2002-012

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 3, Advertising, Sec. 3-3, Painting advertising matter on sidewalks or other public property

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 10th day of April, 2002, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 3, Advertising, Sec. 3-3, Painting advertising matter on sidewalks or other public property, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3-3. Painting advertising matter on sidewalks or other public property

Except as hereinafter provided no person shall print, paint or in any other way deface the sidewalks, streets, parks or other public property of the city for advertising or other purposes. The police department or any other department of the city may mark the sidewalks, streets or other public property for the purpose of controlling traffic or for any other purpose.

Owners of property zoned for residential use may paint the house or building number of their premises upon the curb of the street upon which their property abuts. Building or street numbers shall be displayed in white on a dark green or black background of not more than nine (9") inches in height by eighteen (18") inches in width. Numbers and letters shall be four (4") inches in height.

This ordinance is effective as of final reading.

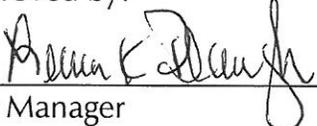
Requested by:

Councilmember Jim D.N. Papadea



MAYOR

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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Final Reading: 4/10/2002

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Hello Ms. Ferst,

I wish to propose an exception to the City Ordinance Sec. 3-3. This ordinance states that "No person shall print, paint, or in any other way deface the sidewalks...". The exception is at the bottom of this letter, after an explanation of why I wish to make an exception to this ordinance.

I wish to form and carry out an Eagle Scout Project involving painting the street numbers on Stepp Dr., from Stepp and Pruitt to Stepp and Quitman. This would assist the Fire Department, and the Police Department, when they must respond to an emergency call, or make their rounds and need to report activity. The majority of the residents in this area are elderly citizens, and those whom I have already discussed this idea with are very supportive. The state's Public Safety Communications Center's law (Section 23-47-60) states that "Residential numbers must not be less than three inches in height.". My proposed project would abide by this law.

Exception:

For emergency service identification purposes, individuals and non-profit groups are allowed to paint residential addresses on curbs provided: the numbers are 4 inches tall in white or white reflective paint on a black or dark green background not larger than 8 inches tall by 20 inches in width. No symbols or decorations, other than numbers (or letters, where applicable) shall be used.

I believe this exception is consistent with the original intent of Sec. 3-3. The restrictions in the exception prohibit abuse or use of distracting decorations. As a part of this process, if Council acts favorably on this exception, I will attempt to get news coverage to help others know about the exception and the restrictions. I will inform the Indian Waters Council so they can include this information as a part of the consideration of any future Eagle projects in Columbia.

Please let me know when this will be on the Council Agenda so I can be present to observe and answer any questions.

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James Brannock (Assistant Scoutmaster)- wk: 771-0566.

Sincerely,

