

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO.: 1898

INTRODUCED BY: HENRY

ENROLLED ORDINANCE NO.: 1666

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 OF LARAMIE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REMOVE TIME LIMITATIONS ON PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS, AND TO CHANGE THE TERM FROM “POLITICAL SIGNS” TO “ELECTION SIGNS”.

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2007, the City Council adopted the Laramie Comprehensive Plan which lists as one of its recommendations to create a unified development code that would combine the zoning and subdivision ordinances in into a single, unified document consisting of multiple parts or sections, including administrative procedures, zoning, subdivision regulations and improvement standards;

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2009 the Laramie Planning Commission affirmatively voted to recommend to the Laramie City Council adoption of the Unified Development Code subject to modifications;

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2010, the City Council adopted the unified development code with an effective date of July 1, 2010;

WHEREAS, 15.02.050 of the Laramie Municipal Code (LMC) calls for the Unified Development Code to be amended from time to time so as to become or remain consistent the Comprehensive Plan, and should be regularly reviewed, evaluated and amended, if necessary, based on private and city economic conditions, vision for the community, changing planning and zoning principles, frequent difficulty in implementing or enforcing any specific standard(s), or changes in the state, federal or case law.;

WHEREAS, the Sign Code (§15.14.120 – Signs) was adopted as an element in the Unified Development Code (Title 15) by Laramie City Council on July 31, 2012;

WHEREAS, concerns have arisen as to the efficacy and legitimacy of certain provisions in the adopted Sign Code – namely, those provisions dealing with terminology, timing and duration for placement of political or election signs;

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2014, the Laramie Planning Commission affirmatively voted to recommend to the Laramie City Council adoption of amendments to the Sign Code element in the Unified Development Code, as shown in this ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Laramie City Council held a public hearing on September 2, 2014, to take and consider public comments:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE:

Section 1. That LMC 15.14.120.B.40 is amended to read as follows:

“Election sign” means a sign advertising a candidate for political office or a measure scheduled for election.

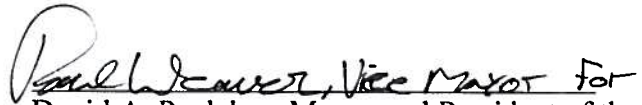
Section 2. That LMC 15.14.120.C.2.r is amended to read as follows:

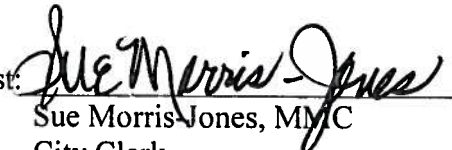
Election signs that do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in sign display area and seven feet (7) in sign height, and are not located in any public right-of-way;

Section 3. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, graphic, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or deemed unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent provision and such holding shall be deemed a separate and distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance; and

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective after its passage, approval and publication.

Passed and approved this 02th day of September, 2014.


Paul Deaver, Vice Mayor For
David A. Paulekas, Mayor and President of the
City Council

Attest: 
Sue Morris Jones, MMC
City Clerk

First Reading: August 20, 2014

Public Hearing: September 02, 2014

Second Reading: September 02, 2014

Third Reading and Final Action: September 02, 2014

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