

AN ORDINANCE  
ENTITLED *09-108*  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COORDINATED  
SIGNAGE PROGRAM; REPEALING PRIOR  
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Albany to establish a Coordinated Signage Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Albany, Georgia and it is hereby ordained by authority of same:

SECTION 1. From and after adoption of this Ordinance, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Albany, Related Laws, Art. E shall read as follows:

**ARTICLE E.  
COORDINATED SIGNAGE PROGRAM**

**Sec. E-1. Coordinated signage program.**

(a) *Requirements.* Notwithstanding any other provision of City Ordinance 08-121, the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission shall be authorized to approve a coordinated signage program for unified commercial developments which contain the following:

- (1) More than ten acres in size;
- (2) More than one building; and all buildings onsite shall have a minimum of 54,000 square feet of gross building space
- (3) More than one parcel or private street.

(b) *Administration.* Applications for the coordinated signage program shall be submitted to the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission for approval.

(c) *Procedures.*

- (1) An application shall be submitted to the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission which shall include the following:
  - a. Statement of justification for approval of the coordinated signage program;
  - b. Description/depiction of the sign program including all of the following:
    1. Number;

2. Location;
3. Size;
4. Height
5. Color;
6. Material;
7. Illumination;
8. Site plan; and
9. Compliance with design requirements.

(2) The Albany Dougherty Planning Commission shall approve, disapprove, or approve with modifications any proposed coordinated signage program application.

(d) *Design requirements.* The following requirements shall be followed and specifically referenced in the application:

(1) The size of the sign shall be in proportion to the size, location, and background of the supporting structure.

(2) In no event shall any program sign exceed the maximum height requirements for each category of signs allowed in this section.

(3) The signs and their supporting structure(s) shall be architecturally in harmony with the surrounding structures.

(4) One wall sign is allowed on the front of the premises.

(5) The wall sign shall not exceed the maximum height, maximum size, setback requirement and number of signs permitted under the current City of Albany Sign Ordinance.

(6) All wall signage shall be mounted on a raceway flush with the wall of the building to which such sign is affixed; the size of such sign including corporate crests, shields, insignia which may be permitted shall not exceed two (2) square feet per linear foot of frontage and shall in all cases be a minimum of two feet from the center line of the wall dividing the premises from the premises adjacent thereto.

(7) The wall sign shall be either (1) individual illuminated plastic-faced letters, or (2) individual illuminated back lighted letters, sign band type.

(8) All sign transformers and ballast boxes shall be concealed.

(9) Raceway color must be the same as the building elevation.

(10) Manufacturer's names, stamps and decals shall not be exposed.

(11) The forward projection of the wall sign shall not be more than twelve inches (12") from the front elevation of the building conducted by the business on the premises, provided that the use of corporate crests, shields or insignia will be permitted.

(12) The wall sign shall be the only sign permitted at the front of the premises, and shall be centered on the sign band vertically and horizontally.

(13) No exposed neon or incandescent bulbs or flashing, blinking box, rooftop, rotating or moving signs or markers shall be permitted and also subject to City of Albany Sign regulations.

(14) No signs will be permitted at or on the rear of the premises except that a small identification sign showing only the name of the business shall be lettered on the exterior of the delivery door by the business.

(15) No signs, banners, or other signage shall be painted or allowed on the exterior of the masonry, doors, windows or any other surfaces of the premises, nor erected on the roof or parapet of the premises, unless approved by the City of Albany.

(16) No sign shall be erected by the business owner, property owner, agent, contractor, or other interested party without first obtaining the necessary approval from the City of Albany. The business tenant, property owner, agent, or other interested party is responsible to maintain said sign in a good state of repair.

(17) If the above cannot accomplish by the issuance of a valid wall sign permit, City staff may be authorized to increase allowable square footage by ten (10) percent based on unique circumstances.


(18) Upon vacating the premises, the business owner shall remove all such signs and repair all damage caused by such removal, this includes but not limited to the repainting of the surface to match the existing store front color.

(19) All signs shall comply with the current International Building Code with Georgia amendments.

(e) *Appeal procedures.* The provisions of Sec. 3-60 of City Ordinance 08-120 are incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

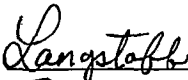
SECTION 3. All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, in conflict herewith are repealed.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

Adopted: February 24, 2009

Introduced By Commissioner:   
Date(s) read: February 24, 2009