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ORDINANCE 2005-12

AN ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT FREESTANDING (BILLBOARDS)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF CHESTERFIELD,
SOUTH CAROLINA THAT:

Section 1. Section 507.1(e) shall be removed from the Zoning Ordinance and replaced with the following:

No new freestanding sign structure shall be constructed regardless of the zoning. Further, those similar signs and their support structures existing on the effective date of this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and not protected from amortization by Federal and State statutes existing on the effective date of this amendment shall be removed within ten years from the date of this amendment.

Any sign constructed after the effective date of this amendment, or existing sign that remains after ten years from the date of this amendment, that is found to exist in violation of this amendment shall be declared to be illegally nonconforming and shall be removed after 30 days' notice. If the owner or lessee fails to remove the sign during the permitted time, then the Town or an independent contractor secured by the Town shall remove the sign and the ensuing charges shall be assessed to the owner or lessee.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its final reading.

First reading October 13, 2005

Mayor

Second reading January 12, 2006

Attest:

Municipal Clerk

John H. Amos

Betty Lynn Watson

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16.101. POSTING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

It shall be unlawful to place any advertisement, business, political, or otherwise, or any notice or sign of any nature on public property within the corporate limits, by the use of a placard, picture, paper, circular, printing, or by any means or device whatsoever without prior approval of the Council groups exempt from this clause include The Greater Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce, local public schools and Team Chesterfield. (Ord. 2010-4 6-10-2010).

16.102. POSTING PROPERTY IN WHICH MUNICIPALITY HAS INTEREST OR REGULATORY POWER.

It shall be unlawful to place any such advertisement, notice or sign of any nature in any park, street or any other property such as telephone poles, telegraph poles, electric poles or towers, and the like thereof. (See Section 12.105, this Code, for cross-reference.)

16.103. POSTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

It shall be unlawful to place any such item in Section 16.101, hereof, on private property, without written consent of the owner or lessee of the property.

16.104. SIGNS AND SIGNBOARDS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to erect or maintain any sign or signboard which is less than ten feet (10') from the pavement or which extends more than five feet (5') across any sidewalk. None shall extend into the street. The construction and placement of any such sign or signboard shall be subject to approval by Council.

16.105. HANDBILLS AND PLACARDS. PROHIBITED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

When authorized by Council, no handbill or placard shall be distributed within the corporate limits unless it is deposited in a secure place where the wind will not blow it away. The placing of a handbill or placard under a windshield wiper or a motor vehicle shall not be construed as a deposit of same in a secure place.

The attachment in any way of a handbill or placard to public property or a pole or other equipment of a public utility is prohibited.

16.106. MUNICIPAL OR STATE SIGNS.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to remove, tear down, deface or destroy any sign erected by municipal or state authorities.