

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE  
PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Council Member Baker moved the second reading and adoption of:

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 82-461(a) OF CHAPTER  
82 - ZONING - OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE,  
TO PROHIBIT RUNNING ANIMATION OR RUNNING VIDEO  
DISPLAYS, WHETHER DIGITAL OR ANALOG, WITHIN THE  
CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

**THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE ORDAINS:**

**Section 82-461(A) of Chapter 82 - Zoning - of the Code of the City of Charlotte is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Sec. 82-461. Signs.**

(A) The following conditions shall apply to all signs erected or located in any use district:

(1) All signs shall conform to all applicable codes and ordinances of the municipality and, where required, shall be approved by the building official and a permit issued.

(2) No sign except those established and maintained by the city, county, state or federal governments, shall be located, project into, or overhang a public right-of-way or dedicated public easement, without permission of the governmental unit controlling the right-of-way or easement.

(3) No sign shall be located so as to obstruct the view of traffic on streets for vehicle drivers entering or leaving a premises.

(4) No sign otherwise permitted shall project above or beyond the maximum height limitation of the use district in which located.

(5) Signs containing only directional information, pedestrian or vehicle warnings, and control information shall be permitted in all use districts. Such sign shall have a surface display area of not more than three square feet and shall not exceed five feet in height.

(6) Nonaccessory signs shall not be permitted in any district. Nonconforming nonaccessory signs may not be expanded, enlarged, or extended but may be maintained and repaired so as to continue the useful life of the sign.

(7) Signs used for advertising land or buildings for rent, lease and/or for sale shall be permitted when located on the land or building intended to be rented, leased and/or sold.

(8) Freestanding signs may be allowed within a required front yard.

(9) Special event sign which advertise sales or grand openings may be permitted under the following conditions:

(a) A sign application must be submitted which provides the size, means of securing and a site plan showing the location for signs 32 square feet or larger. A maximum of one sign per parcel may be allowed.

- (b) Signs up to 8 square feet may be allowed with a maximum of four per business.
  - (c) No signs shall be located on utility poles, street signs or trees.
  - (d) Signs will be allowed for a maximum of 14 days and a maximum of 6 times within a year.
- (10) Community event. Signs (including special event signs or banners) which advertise activities may be permitted under the following conditions:
- (a) A sign application must be which provides the dates, duration, site plan and location for the display.
  - (b) No signs shall be located on utility poles, street signs or trees.
  - (c) The sign shall not exceed 32 square feet.
  - (d) There shall be no more than 1 sign on any parcel or lot.
  - (e) The application must be approved by the Building Department.
- (11) For open house signs for auctions or for the sale of real estate, a sign shall not exceed four square feet and shall not be placed in the city right-of- way. Open house signs may be displayed 1 week (7 days) prior to the advertised event and removed immediately after the event.
- (12) Signs and their supporting structures (poles, braces, brackets, and closing structural framework and the like) shall be adequately maintained. Such maintenance shall include proper alignment of structure, continued readability of the announcement, display, illustration, or insignia, and preservation of structure with paint or other surface finish material so that the sign and support structure shall be without rust, corrosion, peeling paint, or other evidence of dilapidation.
- (13) It shall be unlawful to maintain a sign or sign supporting structure which is structurally unsafe, or constitutes a hazard to safety or health, or which has not been properly maintained pursuant to the aforementioned subsection or has been abandoned. Any sign or sign supporting structure which does not meet these requirements is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The owner of said sign or sign supporting structure shall have 30 days to abate the nuisance by either making repairs or removing the sign, as directed by the building official. If the repairs are not made or the sign is not removed as directed by the building official, the building official shall file with the city clerk the notice given to the owner, occupant, mortgagee, lessee, agent, and such other persons having an interest in the sign or supporting structure and a report on the findings of the building department giving rise to said notice, and there shall be a hearing before city council pursuant to the provisions as set forth at §§ 14-64 of the Charlotte City Code.
- (14) One freestanding or 1 ground sign shall be allowed.
- (15) Those signs or sign structures that involve motion or rotation of any part of the structure, running animation or running video displays, whether digital or analog, or incorporating flashing or moving lights are prohibited.

Second, Lewis Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays

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