

ORDINANCE NO. O-2016-31

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 10, "TYLER UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE", ARTICLE X., "ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT", DIVISION B., "FEES", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, BY AMENDING THE BILLBOARD REGISTRATION FEE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, municipalities may, under their police powers, enact reasonable regulations to promote the health, safety and general welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tyler is a home-rule municipality acting under its Charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article 11, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 51.072(a) states that a home-rule municipality has full power of self-government; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 51.072(b) provides that the grant of powers to a municipality under the Texas Local Government Code does not prevent by implication or otherwise, the municipality from exercising the authority incident to self-government; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001(1) provides that the governing body of a municipality may adopt, publish, amend, or repeal an ordinance, rule or police regulation that is for good government, peace, or order of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001(2) provides that the governing body of a municipality may adopt, publish, amend, or repeal an ordinance, rule or police regulation that is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the municipality or to an office or department of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Tyler City Charter states that the City of Tyler may make any and all rules and regulations by ordinances and resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Tyler City Charter provides that the City may license and regulate persons, corporations, and associations engaged in any business, occupation, profession or trade; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Tyler City Charter states that the City may define, prohibit, abate, suppress and prevent all things detrimental to the health, morals, comfort, safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Tyler City Charter states that the City of Tyler may make and enforce local police, sanitary, and other regulations, and may pass such ordinances as may be expedient for maintaining and promoting the peace, good government and welfare of the City, and for the performance of the functions thereof; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Tyler City Charter provides that the City shall have all powers that now are, or hereafter may be granted to municipalities by the constitution or laws of Texas, and that all such powers, whether express or implied, shall be exercised and enforced, in the manner prescribed by the Charter, and when not prescribed by the Charter, in such manner as shall be provided by ordinances and resolutions of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Tyler City Charter states that the enumeration of particular powers by the Charter shall not be held or deemed to be exclusive, but in addition to the powers enumerated in the Charter, the City shall have, and may exercise all other powers which, under the constitution and laws of Texas, it would be competent for the Charter specifically to enumerate; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Tyler City Charter states that pursuant to the provisions of and subject only to the limitations imposed by State law and the Charter, all powers of the City shall be vested in an elective Council, which shall, among other duties, enact legislation; and

WHEREAS, the powers granted to municipalities under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 211, Subchapter A., are for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare, as well as preserving places and areas of historical, cultural or architectural importance and significance; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 211.003(a)(5) authorizes the governing body of a municipality to regulate the location and use of buildings, or structures, and land for business, industrial, residential, or other purposes; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 211.007(a) authorizes a zoning commission to recommend boundaries for the original zoning districts, and appropriate regulations for each district; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2008, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 0-2008-48, which amended Tyler City Code Chapter 10 by adopting the Unified Development Code governing zoning, subdivision, development and other land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 216.901(a) provides that a home-rule municipality may license, regulate, control, or prohibit the erection of signs or billboards by charter or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 216.092(a) generally provides that a municipality may extend the provisions of its outdoor sign regulatory ordinance within its extraterritorial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City has established billboard and sign regulations in City Code Chapter 10, Article VI., Division H.; and

WHEREAS, the City has established billboard regulations in City Code Section 10-430; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title 43 of the Texas Administrative Code, City Code Section 10-430.d. requires that an inventory of billboards is to be maintained; and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 10-430.d. states that the purpose of the billboard registration program is to maintain the billboard inventory and aid the City in enforcing the Billboard Cap and Reduce Policy; and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 10-430.d. provides that a complete list of an owner's billboards, and locations must be submitted along with an annual fee listed in City Code Section 10-776; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the current amount of the Billboard Registration Fee and the costs associated with the Billboard Registration Program, it is important to amend the Fee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS:

PART 1: That Tyler City Code Chapter 10, "Tyler Unified Development Code", Article X., "Administration and Enforcement", Division B., "Fees", is hereby amended by amending the Billboard Registration fee in Section 10-776 as follows, with no other changes to the fees in Section 10-776:

Sec. 10-776. Fees

No changes...

Billboard Registration \$85.00 per billboard

No changes... (Ord. No. 0-2009-19; 3/11/09) (Ord. No. 0-2009-88; 8/26/09) (Ord. No. 0-2010-99; 9/22/10) (Ord. No. 0-2012-69, 9/12/12) (Ord. No. 0-2012-83; 10/12/12) (Ord. No. 0-2012-91; 11/13/12) (Ord. No. 0-2013-16; 2/27/13) (Ord. No. 0-2014-8; 1/22/14) (Ord. No. 0-2016-31; 4/13/16)

PART 2: That if any provision or any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining provisions or sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

PART 3: That any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine as provided in Section 1-4 of the Tyler Code. Each day such violation shall continue, or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense. Since this ordinance has a penalty for violation, it shall not become effective until after its publication in the newspaper as provided by Section 85 of the Charter of the City of Tyler, Texas, which date is expected to be Friday, April 15, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 13th day of April, A.D., 2016.



MARTIN HEINES, MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:

Cassandra Brager

CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK



APPROVED:

Deborah G. Pullum

DEBORAH G. PULLUM,
CITY ATTORNEY