

## ORDINANCE NO. 2015-20

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 16.5, SECTION 16.5-5 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Copperas Cove is authorized by Chapter 216 of the Local Government Code to regulate signs by a municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove has previously amended the sign regulations for the City to ensure the orderly development of land and use of property within its corporate limits and to provide for uniform sign standards and regulations in order to ensure the public safety, efficient communication and promote a positive city image reflecting order, harmony, and pride, thereby strengthening the economic stability of the City of Copperas Cove's business, cultural, historical, and residential areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it is the best interest of the City of Copperas Cove to adopt the amended Sign Ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE:**

#### SECTION 1.

That the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16.5, (entitled "Signs") Section 16.5-5, (entitled "Provisions for all zoning districts") is hereby amended by adding the language that is underlined ("underlined") as follows:

(a)

##### *Banners.*

- (1a) Each business shall only be allowed four (4) banners per calendar year.
- (1) Banners may be displayed for no more than fourteen (14) consecutive days.
- (2) No more than one (1) banner per building may be displayed.
- (3) Banners may not exceed twelve (12) square feet.
- (4) Banners may only be attached to the main structure or to poles in a taut manner and must be a minimum of twelve (12) feet from the bottom of the sign above the ground. Temporary poles and Fence posts are prohibited, Poles installed in thick sleeves that are removable would be considered permanent poles provided they have a footing.
- (5) Banners may only be made of a non-rigid material

##### Exceptions.

- 1. Fences surrounding sports fields within the City Parks banners may be installed only under the terms and conditions of an agreement approved by the City Council.

**SECTION 2.**

That any ordinances or resolutions or part of ordinance or resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Sign Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

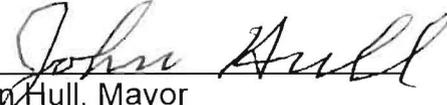
**SECTION 3.**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**SECTION 4.**

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** on this 7th day of July 2015 at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove, Texas which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, *Tex. Gov't Code*, §551.001, et.seq. at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

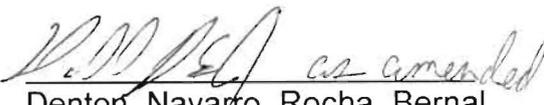
  
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John Hull, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Mariela Altott, City Secretary



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal,  
Hyde & Zech P.C., City Attorney