

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 125, ARTICLE VIII, ENTITLED “SIGNS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TO REVISE REGULATIONS RELATED TO WIND FLAGS, BANDIT SIGNS, AND BANNERS AT LIMITED SPECIAL EVENTS, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of League City is authorized under Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code to adopt zoning regulations that promote public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to regulate signage in a manner that preserves visual aesthetics, protects traffic and pedestrian safety, and maintains the character of the community; and

WHEREAS, wind flags, bandit signs, and banners can contribute to visual clutter and create safety hazards when not properly limited and controlled; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that limited special events may benefit from temporary signage under specific conditions without undermining the City's broader sign regulations; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is intended to allow for the temporary and controlled use of wind flags, bandit signs, and banners to support limited special events while preventing permanent or excessive commercial signage; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the amendments adopted by this ordinance are consistent with the goals and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the best interest of the public to adopt reasonable limitations on temporary signage for limited special events to ensure the continued health, safety, and welfare of the residents of League City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to AMEND Section 125-8.3 (Prohibited Signs) of the League City Code of Ordinances as follows ([additions](#), ~~deletions~~):

Sec. 125-8.3. Prohibited signs.

No sign shall be erected, altered or displayed, [unless otherwise permitted in this Article](#), which:

- (1) Makes sounds, revolves or uses waving, blinking, flashing, vibrating, flickering, mimics a traffic control device, interferes with the safe operation of a motor vehicle or that causes a traffic safety issue.
- (2) Constitutes a traffic hazard by reasons of size, location, projection, content, color, or manner of illumination.
- (3) Is affixed to utility poles, trees, or other signs.
- (4) Obstructs light, air, ingress or egress from required door, window or other opening.
- (5) Is structurally unsafe or not kept in good repair or maintenance.

- (6) Is a portable sign except for sandwich board (or "A" frame signs) in approved areas.
- (7) Is an off-premises sign unless specifically permitted by this article.
- (8) Is a vehicular sign.
- (9) Is a wind driven sign.

Section 2. That the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to AMEND Section 125-8.14 (Wind Flags, Bandit Signs, and Banners at Limited Special Events) to read as follows (additions, ~~deletions~~):

Sec. 125-8.14 Wind Flags, Bandit Signs, and Banners at Limited Special Events

8.14.1 Purpose

The purpose of this section is to provide regulations for the limited and orderly use of Wind flags, banners, and Bandit Signs in a manner that support limited special events and recurring assemblies while maintaining the aesthetic character and safety of the City.

8.14.2 Permitted Use of Wind Flags, Bandit Signs, and Banners at Limited Special Events

Wind Flags, banners, and Bandit Signs are permitted only for limited special events in the following circumstances:

1. Eligible Events:

- a. A Special Event, as defined in Chapter 14 of the City of League City Code of Ordinances.
- b. A one-day event held no more than once a week at a site (farmer's markets, art or trade fairs, holiday markets, etc.).
- c. This section is not intended to be utilized for ongoing commercial activity at its usual location or any "sale" events associated with a permanent business.

2. Location Requirements:

- a. Wind Flags, banners, and Bandit Signs shall be permitted only on-premises and shall not be placed within public rights-of-way, medians, or adjacent properties.
- b. Wind Flags, banners and Bandit Signs must be secured and shall not obstruct pedestrian or vehicular visibility and must adhere to AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) site visibility standards.

3. Limitations:

- a. Wind Flags: A maximum of two (2) Wind Flags are permitted per event site.
- b. Bandit Signs:
 - i. A maximum of five (5) Bandit Signs are permitted per event site.
 - ii. Bandit Signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area or three (3) feet in height.
- c. Banners:
 - i. A maximum of one (1) banner is permitted per event site.
 - ii. Banners are limited to a maximum area of 36 square feet.

4. **Duration:** Temporary Bandit Signs, banners, and Wind Flags shall be displayed only during the business hours of the associated event and must be removed at the conclusion of the event.

5. **Permit:**

- a. A temporary sign permit shall be required for the use of Wind Flags, banners, and Bandit Signs.
- b. The permit must identify the date, duration, and location of the event.
- c. No more than one permit may be issued per week.
- d. The permit fee shall be set by the City Council.

125-8.14.3 Temporary Signage for Recurring Assemblies

1. Eligibility. Temporary signage under this section is permitted only at sites where:
 - a. The principal structure is classified as Group A-3 Assembly occupancy under the City's adopted building and fire codes; and
 - b. The building has a occupant load of one hundred (100) or more persons, as established by the City through applicable building permit or inspection records; and
 - c. A recurring assembly is conducted on the premises at least once per week on a consistent schedule.
2. Signage Authorization. Eligible sites may display temporary signage as authorized under Section 125-8.14.2(2) and (3) subject to all dimensional, placement, and safety requirements of that section, provided:
 - a. The signage is displayed only between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Sundays; and
 - b. The signage is authorized by a valid permit issued in accordance this section.
3. Permit. A temporary sign permit shall be required to utilize signage under this section. The permit:
 - a. Shall be valid for one (1) calendar year from the date of issuance after payment of the permit fee set by the City Council;
 - b. Shall identify the property address and signage authorized; and
 - c. May be revoked by the City for noncompliance with the requirements of this section or of Section 125-8.14.

Section 3. That the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to RENUMBER Sections 125-8.15 through 125-8.17 as follows (additions, deletions):

Sec.125-8.14 8.15 – Variance Procedure

Sec. 125-~~8.15~~ 8.16 – Enforcement Authority

Sec. 125-~~8.15~~ 8.17 - Tables

Section 4. That the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add the following definition to Appendix A of Chapter 125 (Unified Development Code) as follows (additions, deletions):

Wind Flag: A temporary, vertical fabric sign typically mounted on a flexible pole or staff that flutters in the wind, also known as a feather flag or flutter banner.

Bandit Sign: A small, temporary sign typically staked into the ground and used to advertise a site-specific event or service.

Section 5. Savings. All rights and remedies which have accrued in favor of the City under this Ordinance and amendments thereto shall be and are preserved for the benefit of the City.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 7. Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed but only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. Codification. It is the intent of the City Council of the City of League City, Texas, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified in the City's official Code of Ordinances.

Code of Ordinances as provided hereinabove.

Section 9. Publication and Effective Date. The City Secretary shall cause this Ordinance, or its caption, to be published in the official newspaper of the City of League City, upon passage of such Ordinance. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED first reading the ____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED the ____ day of _____, 2025.

NICK LONG
Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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