

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 125, ARTICLE VIII OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, RELATING RELATED TO SIGNS ADJACENT TO OVERPASSES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Chapter 125, Article 8 of the Unified Development Code regulates the height and placement of on-premise signs; and

WHEREAS, properties located next to raised roadway surfaces or overpasses experience grade differences that limit visibility of conforming signs; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to Section 125-8.15 allows an increase in sign height, up to ten feet above the adjacent raised driving surface, with required elevation verification; and

WHEREAS, staff determined the allowance improves visibility and consistency without adversely affecting enforcement of sign regulations; and

WHEREAS, staff is also updating the statutory reference in Section 125-8.12 (Political Signs) of the Unified Development Code to reflect that, in 2019, the Legislature recodified former Local Government Code § 216.903 into Texas Election Code § 259.003, and this amendment serves as a housekeeping measure to ensure the City's code accurately cites current state law.

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was published on November 14, 2025, and on December 1, 2025, the Planning and Zoning Commission held the required hearing and recommended approval, 5-0-0; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposal, staff analysis, and Commission recommendation and finds the amendment appropriate and in the City's best interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

Section 1. Section 125-8.15 (Signs Adjacent to Overpasses or Raised Roadways) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Texas, is hereby added to read as follows:

Sec. 8.15 Signs Adjacent to Overpasses or Raised Roadways

- (a) When an on-premise sign is located adjacent to a raised driving surface along a roadway classified as an arterial or higher, the maximum permitted height of a sign may be increased

by an amount not to exceed ten (10) feet above the elevation of the roadway surface directly adjacent to the sign location.

- (b) The roadway elevation shall be measured at a point perpendicular to the centerline of the sign structure, extending to the nearest edge of the main travel lane of the adjacent raised roadway.
- (c) If elevation data is not available, the applicant shall provide a certified elevation survey prepared by a registered professional land surveyor to verify the relative difference in grade between the top of the sign structure and the adjacent roadway surface.

Section 2. The following subsections in Article VIII (Signs) shall be renumbered as follows:

§ 8.16 Variance Procedures

§ 8.17 Enforcement Authority

§ 8.18 Tables

Section 3. Section 125-8.12 (Political Signs) shall be updated as follows:

Sec. 8.12 Political Signs

Political signs that contain primarily a political message are allowed without a permit, fee, or approval of the city, but only on private property and with the consent of the property owner. No political sign may exceed 36 square feet in area or eight feet in height. Such signs shall not be illuminated, have any moving parts or be placed within any dedicated easement allowing for municipal uses. Notwithstanding any provisions herein to the contrary, this section shall apply to all signs which satisfy the requirements of Texas Election Code § 259.003.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 6. Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are

hereby repealed but only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. 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 as provided hereinabove.

Section 8. 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:

DIANA M. STAPP
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHELLE L. VILLARREAL
City Attorney (mv)