

**ORDINANCE NO. 62-2006**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS  
EXTENDING A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ON THE  
ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND THE ISSUANCE OF  
PERMITS FOR CERTAIN OFF-PREMISE SIGNS.**

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that signs and billboards located on premises to which they do not specifically relate (off-premise signs) in some areas of the community may result in harm to the welfare of the City by creating visible clutter and blight and by promoting a negative aesthetic impact in the City; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted Ordinance No. 25-2006, enacting a temporary suspension upon the acceptance of applications and issue of permits for 180 days; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City, in the protection of the public health, safety and welfare, that the regulation and prohibition of off-premise signs should be analyzed by the staff, the regulated community, and the citizens of the City for the purpose of determining the best possible approach for such regulation under the Constitution of the United States and the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve the status quo pending further investigation of the possible regulation of off-premise signs, the Council has determined that an extension of the currently enacted temporary suspension should be imposed upon the acceptance of applications and issuance of permits for the construction of new off-premise signs.

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

PART 1: That there be and hereby is imposed for a period of an additional one hundred eighty (180) days from the expiration of the suspension currently in effect, Ordinance No. 25-2006, a suspension upon the acceptance of applications and the issuance of permits for the erection or construction of any sign or billboard which is used and intended for use to advertise, identify or direct or attract the attention of the public to a business, institution, product, organization, event or location offered or existing elsewhere than upon the same lot, tract or parcel of land where such sign or billboard is displayed.

PART 2: That, during said one hundred eighty (180) day period, the City staff shall work with the citizens of the City to develop and present to the City Council a proposed ordinance regulating such off-premise signs, which proposed ordinance shall be presented to the City Council in sufficient time that said ordinance, if adopted, may take effect prior to the expiration of said one hundred eighty (180) day period.

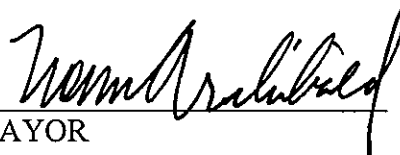
PASSED ON FIRST READING this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, A.D. 2006.

A notice of the time and place, where and when said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for final passage, was published in the Abilene Reporter-News, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Abilene, said publication being on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006, the same being more than fifteen (15) days prior to a public hearing to be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall in Abilene, Texas, at 8:30 a.m., on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006, to permit the public to be heard prior to final consideration of this ordinance. Said ordinance becomes effective immediately as provided by Section 18 of the Charter of the City of Abilene.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THIS 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 2006.

ATTEST:

  
CITY SECRETARY

  
MAYOR

APPROVED:

  
CITY ATTORNEY