

*Ordinance No. 429*

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 7, 8,  
PARAGRAPH 3 OF SECTION 13 AND PARAGRAPH  
B OF SECTION 14, OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 410,  
REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND ERECTION  
OF SIGNS IN THE CITY OF ABILENE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE:  
That all of Sections 4, 7, 8, Paragraph 3 of Section 13 and  
Paragraph B of Section 14 of the Sign Ordinance of the City of Abilene,  
Number 410, dated November 24, 1950, recorded in Volume 5, Page 62 of the  
Ordinance Records of the City of Abilene be and the same are hereby amended  
so as to hereafter read as follows:

"SECTION ~~IV~~ FEES, BONDS AND INSURANCE REQUIRED.

- A. FEES REQUIRED: A permit fee of one and no/100 dollars (\$1.00) or one per cent (1%) of the cost of the sign, which ever is greater, but in no event to exceed seven and 50/100 dollars (\$.75), shall be charged for the erection of any sign or bill board except temporary signs and bill boards of six (6) square feet or less as set forth in Section 3 of this ordinance. A fee of \$2.00 shall be charged for each re-inspection.
- B. BOND REQUIRED: Every person, firm or corporation constructing, erecting or engaged in the repairing of any sign, bill board or sign board in the City of Abilene shall file with the City Engineering Department of said city a bond in the sum of One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) conditioned that such person, firm or corporation will faithfully adhere to and abide by any and all ordinances regulating the construction, erection, repair or maintenance of signs in the City of Abilene. Said bonds shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Abilene, and shall be renewed on or before the 1st day of January of each year.
- C. INSURANCE REQUIRED: Every person, firm or corporation constructing, erecting or engaged in the repairing of any sign, bill board or sign board in the City of Abilene shall at the time of filing his or its bond as herein required, file with the City Engineering Department a General Public Liability and Products Liability Insurance Policy indemnifying and saving harmless the City of Abilene against any claim for loss or damage that may result to any person or property due to the negligent construction, wiring or hanging of any sign by the assured; provided that the maximum amount of recovery on such policy shall be not less than the following, to-wit: For bodily injury to any one person or the death of any one person in any one accident, \$5,000; for bodily injury to two or more persons or the death of two or more persons in any one accident, \$10,000; for the injury or destruction of property in any one accident, \$2,000. All policies of insurance shall contain a provision for the continuing liability thereon up to the full amount thereof notwithstanding any previous recovery thereon."

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"SECTION ~~VII~~ CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC SIGNS.

All electric signs shall be so wired as to conform to the Electric Code of the City of Abilene, or the National Electric



Code. All Electric signs within the Fire Limits shall have a structural frame work of iron, steel or other metal substance of non-inflammable material, except that a wood moulding on border, not exceeding two (2) inches in width, shall be permitted on any electric sign other than neon signs, provided however, that such border or moulding be secured to the body or frame of the sign by clamps, straps, or bolts.

All manufactured electrical signs which are hung over the streets or sidewalks shall be inspected by the Electrical Inspector of the City of Abilene before the same shall be put into operation."

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"SECTION ~~VI~~<sup>VII</sup> CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNS.

A. All signs shall be constructed and supported to withstand a horizontal pressure of thirty (30) pounds for every square foot of exposed surface. All structural members, hangers, braces, tie rods, cables, anchors and fastenings shall be of sufficient strength to withstand all loads and stresses that may be brought to bear upon them using a factor of safety of four (4).

B. SIGN SUPPORTS:

1. Signs less than two (2) feet in depth and/or weighing less than twenty (20) pounds and/or having not more than ten (10) square feet in area.
  - a. Such signs may be attached and/or supported by screw hooks, screw eyes, drift bolts, or expansion bolts. All supporting, anchoring, or guying cables or steel wire shall be not less than No. 8 B and S. standard gauge.
  - b. Two (2) side guys may be permitted at one anchor point provided an uplift guy is installed in erection of sign. Other guys shall be limited to one anchor point per guy.
2. Signs more than two (2) feet in depth and/or more than twenty (20) pounds in weight.
  - a. All sign supports, brackets, guys, turnbuckles, bolts, anchors, and fastenings shall be strong enough to hold and support loads and other stresses which may come upon them, using a safety factor of four (4).
  - b. Signs shall be supported and guyed with steel angles, steel cables, or steel wire of not less than 1/8 inch in diameter.
  - c. Signs may be supported and guyed with ordinary wire cable which shall be not less than 3/16 inches in diameter.
  - d. Chain supports shall have welded links of not less than 3/16 inches in diameter.
  - e. Each guy shall have a separate support and anchor point.
3. All signs requiring permits.
  - a. No cable or steel wire shall be tied or twisted around any anchor or other support, but shall be joined into a loop with an eyelet inserted and the loose end fastened to the standing part of the cable with approved clips, clamps, or standard cable splice. A turnbuckle shall be inserted in every cable or wire hanger or guy to keep them taut.
  - b. Where ordinary wire cable is used for a guy the inserted eyelet may be omitted.
4. All cable, wire, brackets, strap iron, turnbuckles, anchors

bolts and all other supports shall be galvanized or given two heavy coats of protective non-corrosive paint. Such signs shall be repainted by the owner as set out above, whenever it is deemed necessary in the opinion of the Building Inspector of the City of Abilene for the continued protection of guys or other structural supports against deterioration.

5. Where signs are bolted to supports, the bolts shall be supplied with new lock nuts.

6. No wooden plugs shall be used in wall anchors or supports.

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3. The Building Inspector may grant a temporary suspension of Paragraph 1 of this Section on special occasions, or while festivals or celebrations are being held."

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XIV

BILLBOARDS AND GROUND SIGNS.

A. No change.

B. CONSTRUCTION: No billboard or ground sign constructed of wood or other combustible material, with the exception of treated utility type poles for support, treated wooden stringers of not less than two inches by six inches (2"x6") in size, and wooden moulding or border not to exceed eight inches (8") around the edge of the structure, shall be erected in the Fire Limits. The lower edge of every such bill board or ground sign shall be not less than three feet above the ground.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS THE 15TH DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1951.

After said passage, a notice of the time and place when and where 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, the publication being at least one week prior to the time advertised. After such opportunity for the public to be heard, said ordinance was passed on its second and final reading on the 29th day of June, A. D. 1951.

ATTEST:

Ernest Grissom  
Ernest Grissom, Mayor

Ella Ann Martin  
City Secretary

By: Miriam Buckley

APPROVED AS TO FORM BEFORE PASSAGE:

Wilbur Johnston  
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