

Ordinance 23-0008

Whereas the City of Trinity strives to maintain the appearance of city rights-of-way.

Any sign or billboard placed within the City of Trinity or within its extraterritorial jurisdiction will require a permit and must adhere to the following guidelines.

1. Sign Maintenance.

- A. **Premises maintenance:** All signs and surrounding premises shall be maintained by the owner thereof in a clean and sanitary condition, and free and clear of all debris, trash, litter, garbage refuse, and weeds in full compliance with the city's ordinances concerning lot cleanliness.
- B. **Structure maintenance:** All signs, including supporting structures, shall be maintained in good and safe repair and condition, including the periodic application of paint and/or other weatherproofing material in order to prevent rust or other decay.
- C. **Display surface or other advertising surface maintenance:** The display surface or other advertising material of a sign shall not be allowed to deteriorate to a broken, torn, peeling, flaking or otherwise decaying condition and shall be repaired or removed within 90 days of receipt of notice mailed to the owner sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. If the owner fails to remove or alter the display surface so as to comply with the standards herein set forth within the time specified in such notice, the owner may be cited for a violation of this section.
- D. **Extension of time:** The owner may request an extension of the 90 days by submitting a written request to the city office. Upon some exceptional condition which poses practical difficulty or particular hardship in such a way as to prevent an owner from repairing the sign within 90 days, the Ordinance Official, or designee, may grant the requested extension; any grants of extensions shall be documented in writing.

2. Abandoned signs.

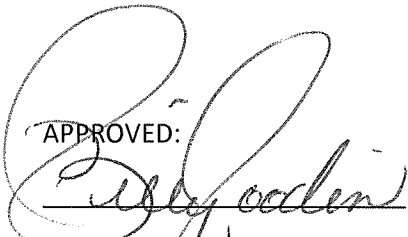
- A. **Abandoned Sign Determination:** A sign, including its supporting structure, erected in conjunction with a particular use, that use having been subsequently discontinued for a period of 120 days or more, or a lawfully erected temporary sign for which the time period allowed for display of the sign has expired shall be deemed abandoned. Abandonment shall be presumed if, for a period of 120 days or longer, the sign has not 1) advertised goods, services, facilities, events or attractions available on the premises where located, 2) identified the owner or occupant, 3) directed traffic on the premises, or 4) displayed a non-commercial message which may or may not relate to an activity located on the premises. Any sign which otherwise conforms to the provisions in this ordinance, and by reason of the cessation of activity on the premises, becomes an off-premises sign, may be retained for a period of 9 months by one of the following methods:
 - a. **Painted sign:** The sign shall be covered by painting over the sign area.

- b. Removable sign face: The sign face shall be removed and replaced with a blank insert or the sign face may be reversed.
- c. Temporary covering: The sign face may be temporarily covered by a sock or boot.

If activity on the property has not resumed within a period of 9 months from abandonment, then the sign shall be presumed abandoned and shall be taken down or removed.

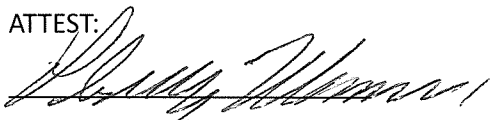
- 3. Removal of Abandoned Signs. Any abandoned sign, now or hereafter existing, shall be taken down and removed by the owner, agent or person having the beneficial use of the building, structure or property upon which such sign may be found, within 30 days after the written notification from the Ordinance Official. If such abandoned sign is not removed at the conclusion of such 30 day period, the Ordinance Official is hereby authorized to cause the sign to be removed at the owners expense.

APPROVED:



Billy Goodin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Phillip Morrison, Mayor Pro-Tem