AMENDMENT 4

TO CITY OF ARGO ZONING ORDINANCE

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF ARGO ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 10, SECTION 1007, AND ARTICLE 11, SECTION 1111, REGARDING SIGN PERMITS, PERMITTING PROCEDURES, AND SIGN PERMIT FEES

SECTION 1. Amending Zoning Ordinance Section 1007

Article 10, Section 1007 of the Zoning Ordinance (excepting page 10.10 under *Calculating Sign Area*) is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety as follows:

SECTION 1007. PERMITTING PROCEDURES

1007.01 Sign Permit Required

Except as otherwise exempted herein, no person shall erect, install, alter, relocate, replace, enlarge, or structurally modify any sign without first obtaining a Sign Permit from the City.

Ordinary maintenance, repainting, replacement of copy, or repair of a legally existing sign that does not alter the size, location, height, illumination, or structural characteristics of the sign shall not require a permit.

1007.02 Exempt Signs

The following signs shall be exempt from permit requirements but shall otherwise comply with the provisions of this Ordinance:

A. Government signs.

B. Traffic control signs.

C. Address numbers.

D. Political signs.

E. Temporary real estate signs.

F. Construction signs authorized by this Ordinance.

G. Holiday decorations and seasonal displays.

H. Any sign specifically exempted elsewhere in this Ordinance.

1007.03 Application Requirements

Applications for a Sign Permit shall be submitted to the Building Inspector on forms provided by the City and shall include:

A. Name and contact information of the applicant and property owner.

B. Property address.

C. A site plan showing the proposed sign location.

D. Sign dimensions, height, area, setbacks, and method of illumination, if applicable.

E. Construction details sufficient to demonstrate compliance with this Ordinance.

F. Such other information as may be reasonably necessary to determine compliance with this Ordinance.

1007.04 Review Authority

The Building Inspector shall review all sign permit applications for compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

If the proposed sign complies with all applicable requirements of this Ordinance, the Building Inspector shall approve and issue the Sign Permit.

1007.05 Time for Review

The Building Inspector shall approve, conditionally approve, or deny a complete application within ten (10) business days after submission.

1007.06 Denial

If a permit application is denied, the applicant shall be provided written notice identifying the specific provisions of this Ordinance with which the proposed sign does not comply.

1007.07 Appeals

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Building Inspector regarding a Sign Permit may appeal such decision to the Board of Zoning Adjustment in accordance with the procedures established elsewhere in this Ordinance.

1007.08 Sign Permit Fees

Applications shall be accompanied by the applicable sign permit fee established by ordinance of the City Council.

The City Council may amend such fees by ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Council.

1007.09 Permit Expiration

Except as otherwise provided herein, a Sign Permit shall expire six (6) months after issuance if the approved sign has not been installed.

1007.10 Portable Signs

A. Portable signs shall require a Sign Permit issued by the Building Inspector.

B. A portable sign permit shall remain valid until the portable sign is removed, replaced, abandoned, or no longer complies with this Ordinance.

C. The permit holder shall maintain the portable sign in a safe and good condition at all times.

D. Any portable sign that becomes damaged, abandoned, unsafe, or otherwise noncompliant with this Ordinance may be ordered removed by the City.

E. Failure to remove or correct a portable sign after notice from the City shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance and shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Renumbering

Page 10.10 *Calculating Sign Area* now becomes **Section 1007.11 Calculating Sign Area.**

SECTION 3. Amending Zoning Ordinance Section 1111

Section 1111 of the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting subsection K in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

K. Sign Permit Fees.

ADOPTED to **AMEND SECTIONS 1007** and **1111** to the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance this 4th day of NOV, 2024

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