ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08-24(316)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SIGN PERMIT FEES FOR THE CITY OF ARGO, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Argo, Alabama, has adopted regulations governing the permitting and installation of signs within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary and appropriate to establish fees to offset the administrative costs associated with the review and issuance of sign permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Argo, Alabama, as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF SIGN PERMIT FEES

The following fees are hereby established for Sign Permits issued pursuant to Article 10 of the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance:

Permit Type	**Fee**
Temporary Sign (including banners)	$25.00
Portable Sign	$25.00
Permanent Sign (including wall, freestanding, monument, projecting, awning, and canopy signs)	$50.00
Electronic Message Center Sign	$100.00

The above fees shall be paid at the time of application unless exempted by the provisions of the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance.

The Building Inspector shall determine the appropriate permit category based upon the type of sign proposed.

No additional permit fee shall be required for replacement of a previously permitted sign unless the replacement constitutes a new sign or otherwise requires a new permit under the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 2. PAYMENT OF FEES

All applicable sign permit fees shall be paid at the time of application.

Applications shall not be deemed complete until all applicable fees have been paid, unless exempted by the provisions of the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 3. NON-REFUNDABLE FEES

Permit fees shall be non-refundable after an application has been accepted for review, except as otherwise authorized by the City Council.

SECTION 4. WAIVER OF TEMPORARY SIGN PERMIT FEES

The Mayor is authorized to waive the permit fee for a temporary sign when the sign is being used by or on behalf of a church, nonprofit organization, charitable organization, or for a city-wide civic, charitable, community, or public event. Any waiver of the permit fee shall apply only to the fee and shall not exempt the sign from any applicable requirements of the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

The Building Inspector, Clerk, or such other official as may be designated by the City, shall administer the sign permitting process. All permit fees shall be collected by the City Clerk prior to issuance of a Sign Permit.

SECTION 6. FUTURE AMENDMENTS

The City Council may amend the fees established herein by subsequent ordinance.

SECTION 7. REPEALER

All prior resolutions, ordinances, fee schedules, policies, motions, or portions thereof establishing fees for sign permits, portable sign permits, temporary sign permits, permanent sign permits, electronic message center permits, or other sign-related permits that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to repeal, amend, modify, or otherwise affect the substantive sign regulations contained in Article 10 of the City of Argo Zoning Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2026

APPROVED:

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RANDY HETTICH
Mayor

ATTEST:

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AMANDA MCCURDY
City Clerk

CITY CLERK CERTIFICATION

I, Amanda McCurdy, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Argo, Alabama, hereby certify that this Resolution constitutes a true, correct, and complete copy of the Resolution that was duly adopted by the City Council on the date set out above, and that following adoption a copy of the Resolution was published as required by law, and that one of the places of its publication was by placing a copy at City Hall.

WITNESS my signature, as said City Clerk, under the seal of said City on this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

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AMANDA MCCURDY
City Clerk