

ORDINANCE NO. 98-5052

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, PROVIDING THAT THE BILLINGS, MONTANA CITY CODE BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 27-707(b)(16); PROVIDING FOR THE DISPLAY OF MORE THAN ONE POLITICAL SIGN ON A PARCEL OF LAND PROVIDED THAT SIGNS OVER THIRTY (30) INCHES IN HEIGHT COMPLY WITH SECTION 27-615 "VISIBILITY AT INTERSECTIONS".

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

Section 1. That Section 27-707(b)(16) of the Billings, Montana City Code be amended so that such section shall read as follows:

"Sec. 27-707(b). Exempt signs:

. . .

(16) *Political or campaign signs.* Political or campaign signs on behalf of candidates for public office or measures on election ballots provided that said signs are subject to the following regulations:

a. Such signs may be erected not earlier than forty-five (45) days prior to the primary or special election and shall be removed within fifteen (15) days following the general or special election. If there is no primary election scheduled, then such signs may not be erected earlier than forty-five (45) days prior to the general election. After the primary election, signs pertaining to any candidate or ballot issue not on the general or special election ballot shall be removed within fifteen (15) days after the primary election, unless the candidate is conducting a write-in campaign. This provision does not prohibit a successful primary candidate from erecting additional signs after the primary election or an unopposed candidate at the primary from erecting signs prior to or immediately after the primary election.

b. In any zone, ~~only one (1) stationary political sign is permitted on any one (1) parcel of land.~~ each parcel of land is permitted to display political signs provided that, in total, such signs may do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in aggregate area and, if detached, shall do not exceed six (6)

feet in height. Signs over thirty (30) inches in height shall comply with the clear vision standards as required by Section 27-615 "Visibility at Intersections". Such sign shall not be erected in such a manner as to constitute a roof sign. ~~If there should be more than one (1) tenant, each tenant shall be permitted the above allowed dimensions.~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a sign may be placed upon any legally existing sign structure, but not so as to cover an already existing current sign.

- c. No political sign shall be located within or over the public right-of-way or on a utility pole.
- d. No political sign shall be placed, installed, or erected without the permission of the private property owner."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after second reading and final adoption as provided by law.

Section 3. REPEALER. All resolutions, ordinances, and sections of the City Code inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which may be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED by the City Council on first reading this 23 day of February, 1998.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED on second reading this 9th day of March, 1998.

CITY OF BILLINGS



By Charles F. Tolley
Mayor

ATTEST:

By Marita Herold
City Clerk