

ORDINANCE NO. 50-187

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 24.04.200 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO SIGN REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS; PROHIBITED LOCATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 24.04.200 of the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 24.04.200. - Prohibited locations—General requirements.**

(a) Obstructing Windows, Doors, Etc. No sign shall be placed or erected across or so as to obstruct in any way any window, door, exit or entrance or, to or from any building, whether occupied or not, but this provision shall not prohibit placing a sign across a transom. No sign of any kind shall be attached to or placed upon a building in such a manner as to obstruct any fire escape, nor shall any sign be attached to any fire escape.

(b) Interfering with Public Safety and Convenience. No sign shall be erected, constructed, reconstructed, remodeled, relocated, altered, hung, affixed or created by painting, or maintained in any way that will interfere with public safety and convenience or with the proper and convenient operation of the Fire Department for protection of property.

(c) Across Streets or Alleys. No sign shall be suspended or constructed across any street or alley except as provided in this Chapter.

(d) Use of Public Property. No sign, except as provided in subsection (g) of Section 24.04.230, shall be supported in any way by public property. No sign shall project over public Right-of-Way except projecting signs permitted on buildings located within eight (8) feet of a Right-of-Way line. No part of any projecting sign extending over any public property shall be less than ten (10) feet from the surface immediately below, except signs not exceeding four (4) square feet in area and not projecting more than two (2) feet may be hung not less than eight (8) feet from the surface of the public property immediately below. No part of any sign permitted to

extend over any alley or public roadway, however, shall be less than fifteen (15) feet from the surface immediately below. In no case shall the outer edge of a projecting sign extend closer to the vertical plane of a street Curb than two (2) feet, unless the bottom of such sign is thirteen (13) feet, six (6) inches or more from the sidewalk immediately below. Any permit for a sign over public property issued under the provisions of this Chapter, or any previous ordinance, shall be revocable at the will of the City Council, upon notice and opportunity for hearing.

(e) Interfering with Traffic. No sign of any kind shall be erected or maintained in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic or to obstruct the line of sight of any traffic signal, or traffic device as may be determined by the Traffic Engineer.

(f) Near Residences. No off-site sign shall be located within fifty (50) feet of a residential Structure.

(g) Close to Rivers, Parks. No off-site sign shall be located closer than six hundred sixty (660) feet to the established bank lines of the Big Arkansas or the Little Arkansas Rivers, to any park or recreation area under the jurisdiction of any public body including the Board of Park Commissioners.

Off-site signs may be erected within six hundred sixty (660) feet of the established bank lines of the Big Arkansas or the Little Arkansas Rivers or of any such park or recreation area when such off-site signs are located in athletic field facilities owned or operated by a public body.

(h) Near Highways. No off-site sign shall be located closer than six hundred sixty (660) feet to any portion of the existing or designated Right-of-Way of State Highway K-96 between Interstate 135 and the east city limits.

(i) Near Driveway Approach. No ground sign exceeding a height of three (3) feet, permanent or temporary, shall be located within a triangle, the sides of which are formed by the property line, the edge of the Driveway as extended from the street, and a line from a point on the property line twenty-five (25) feet from the Driveway to a point on the edge of the Driveway six (6) feet behind the property line.

(j) Posting on Utility Poles. Except as authorized by subsection (2) of Section 24.04.040 and temporary signs erected by public utilities placed on such utility poles, no sign, notice, poster or other paper or device calculated to attract the attention of the public shall be posted on any lamppost, public utility pole, or traffic control device located in the public Right-of-Way.

SECTION 2. The original of Section 24.04.200 of the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be included in the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, and shall be effective upon its passage and publication once in the official City paper.

PASSED by the governing body of the City of Wichita, Kansas this 26th day of April, 2016.

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Jeff Longwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen Sublett, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Jennifer Magaña  
Director of Law and City Attorney