

ORDINANCE # 2002-06

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND  
AESTHETIC IMPACT OF SIGNS WITHIN THE CORPORATE  
LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Starkville, Mississippi, desire to regulate the location, size, construction, alteration, use and maintenance of all signs within the jurisdiction of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Starkville, Mississippi, desire to protect the health, safety, welfare, convenience and natural beauty of the City and to protect the public from damage or injury caused or attributable to improperly designed or constructed signs.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Starkville, Mississippi, as follows:

**Section 1.     Definitions.**

Sign means any identification, description, illustration, or device illuminated or non-illuminated which is affixed to or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, structure or land, and which directs attention to a product, service, place, activity, person, institution, or business. Signs erected by an authorized public agency for the purpose of directing traffic or providing information are not affected by these regulations. National and state flags, when properly displayed, are not considered a sign under these regulations.

Sign- A structure or device designed or intended to convey information to the public in written or pictorial form.

Sign Areas mean the area of space on any face of the sign to be used for advertising purposes, including the spaces between open-type letter and figures, including the background structure, or other decoration or addition which is an integral part of the sign. Sign supports shall be excluded in determining the area of a sign. The largest face of a multi-faced sign shall be used in calculating the area of a sign to determine compliance with this ordinance. The area of a wall sign shall be measured within a single, continuous perimeter of any straight-line geometric figure which encloses the extreme limits of the advertising message.

Sign Area- The entire area within a continuous perimeter, enclosing the extreme limits of sign display, including any frame or border. Curved, spherical, or any other shaped sign shall be computed on the basis of actual surface area. The copy of signs

composed of individual letters, numerals, or other devices shall be the sum of the area of the smallest rectangle or other geometric figures encompassing each said letter or devices. The calculation for a double-faced sign shall be so constructed that the perimeter of both faces coincides and are parallel and not more than 24 inches apart.

**Banner** means a display, informational sign or other advertising device constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, wood, or other temporary material, with or without a structural frame, and intended for a limited period of display and used to advertise an event, product, business or service.

**Bench Sign** means a sign located on any part of the surface of a bench or seat placed on or adjacent to a public right-of-way.

**Bus Bench Sign** means a single side advertising message on a bus bench facing a public street.

**Directional Sign** means any sign of a noncommercial nature which directs the reader to the location of public or educational institutions, or to the location of historical structures or areas, or to the location of public parks or buildings. Directional signs are permitted in all zoning districts.

**Electronic Message Board Sign** means any sign that uses changing light to form a sign message wherein the sequence of message and the rate of change is electronically programmed and can be modified by electronic processes.

**Electronic Message Board Sign** - Any sign that uses changing lights to form a sign message or messages wherein the sequences and the rate of change is electronically programmed and can be modified by electronic processes.

**Flashing Sign** means any sign, which, by method or manner of illumination, flashes on or off or winks or blinks with varying light intensity, shows motion, or creates the illusion of motion or revolves in a manner to create the illusion of being on or off. Flashing signs are not permitted in any zoning district.

**Flashing Sign** - Any sign in which, by method or manner of illumination, flashes on or off, winks, or blinks with varying light intensity, shows motion, or creates the illusion of motion or revolves in a manner to create the illusion of being on or off.

**Free Standing, Post or Pole Sign** means any sign erected, constructed, or maintained for the purpose of displaying outdoor advertising by means of posters, pictures, pictorial and/or reading matter when such sign is supported by one or more upright poles, posts, columns, or braces affixed in the ground or on the ground and not attached to any part of a building.

Free Standing Sign - A sign supported by one or more upright poles, columns, or braces placed in or on the ground and not attached to any building or structure.

**Height means the distance from the finished grade to the top of the structure.**

**Illuminated Sign means a sign illuminated in any manner by an artificial light source such as a spotlight or internally through a translucent background.**

**Transparent backgrounds or surfaces are not allowed to be used in the construction of an Illuminated Sign. A neon tube shall be classified as an illuminated sign if it is non-changing and non-flashing.**

Illuminated Sign - A sign illuminated in any manner by an artificial light source

*Inflatable Display means any display used for advertising purposes, whether a specific advertising message is used or not, that is held in a rigid or semi-rigid state by a pressurized gas such as air or nitrogen, etc. Inflatable displays are governed by banner regulations and are not allowed on roofs.*

*Marquee, Awning, and Canopy Signs means any sign painted, stamped, perforated, or stitched, or otherwise applied on the valance of an awning.*

Awning, Canopy, or Marquee Sign - A sign painted, stamped, or perforated, or stitched, or otherwise or otherwise applied on the valance of an awning.

**Monument Signs means a sign directly attached to the ground by a structure other than a pole or poles. Monument signs are subject to the same regulations as a freestanding sign.**

**Multi-tenant Business Sign means a sign, attached to the ground through either a pole or monument structure, displayed at the entrance or exit to a mall or shopping-center facility that supports multiple businesses. Such mall or shopping center facility must be designed to support more than three two separate businesses and include a minimum of 5,000 square feet before it qualifies as a site eligible for a multi-tenant business sign. Multi-tenant business signs are only allowed in C-2 Commercial and M-1 Manufacturing zoning districts.**

**Nonconforming Sign means any sign existing at the effective date of the adoption of this ordinance which could not be built under the terms of this ordinance.**

Nonconforming Use means a lawful use of land that does not comply with the use regulations for its zoning district but which complied with applicable regulations at the time the use was established.

Offsite Sign means any sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, entertainment, attraction, sold, offered or existing elsewhere other than upon the same parcel or lot where such sign is displayed. The term “offsite” shall include an outdoor advertising sign (billboard) on which space is leased or rented by the owner thereof to others for the purpose of conveying a commercial or noncommercial message.

Outdoor Advertising Sign (Billboard) means a surface on which space is leased or rented by the owner thereof to others for the purpose of conveying a commercial or noncommercial message or product that is not available on the same parcel or lot that the billboard is situated.

Parapet means the edge of a roof or the tip of a wall, which forms the top line of a building silhouette. When a building has several roof levels, the roof or parapet shall be the one belonging to that portion of the building where the sign is located.

Political Sign means any sign, of four (4) square feet or less and of temporary construction, which supports any political candidate or issue. These signs are permitted in all zoning districts.

Portable Sign means a sign, usually of a temporary nature, which is by design not permanently affixed to the ground or to a building or structure. Portable signs are not permitted in any zoning district if the sign also meets the definition of a Flashing Sign. A portable sign must be placed a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the right of way of a public street or road and a portable sign cannot be used in the construction of any other type of sign.

Portable Sign - Any sign not permanently affixed to the ground or to a building, including any sign attached to or displayed on a vehicle that is used for the express purpose of advertising a business establishment, product, service, or entertainment, when that vehicle is so parked as to attract the attention of motoring or pedestrian traffic.

Real Estate Sign means a temporary sign placed upon property for the purpose of advertising to the public the sale or lease of said property.

Roof Sign means any sign wholly erected, constructed or maintained on the roof structure or parapet wall of any building.

Projecting Sign Any sign other than a wall sign that is attached to and projects from the wall or face of a building or structure, including an arcade/marquee sign.

**Searchlights means any light that produces an intense concentrated beam of light. These lights are not permitted as a permanent or temporary use in any zoning district.**

Setback means measure from the closest edge of the sign to the closest edge of the right-of-way.

Temporary Sign means a sign not constructed or intended for a long-term use, and not designed to be permanently attached to the ground, a building or structure. Included under this term are portable signs.

Temporary Sign - A display, informational sign, banner or other advertising device constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, wood, or other temporary material, with or without a structural frame, and intended for a limited period of display, including decorative displayed for holidays or public demonstrations.

Wall Sign means any sign that shall be affixed parallel to the wall or printed/painted on the wall of any building in such a manner as to read parallel to the wall on which it is mounted. For the purposes of this article, any sign display surface that is affixed flat against the sloping surface of a mansard roof shall be considered a wall sign. Any sign that is affixed to the face of a building marquee, building awning or a building canopy shall be considered a wall sign. Any sign that is affixed to the wall and protrudes at right angles from the wall shall be considered a wall sign. Permanent and temporary signs affixed to or displayed in windows and doors shall be considered to be wall signs. Permanent signs affixed to walls may protrude above the roof line of a building by a maximum height of twenty percent (20%) of the height of the sign, or up to a total height of four (4) feet above the roof line, whichever is less.

## Section 2 Sign Requirements for Zoning Districts.

This Ordinance shall supercede Section VI, Part C of the Zoning Ordinance.

- A. **Agricultural District (A-1) and Residential Districts (R-E, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4):**
1. Signs advertising the sale, rental or lease of the property are allowed, but cannot exceed six (6) square feet in area.
  2. Signs displaying the advertising of a permanent home occupation are permissible and the sign is not to exceed six (6) square feet in area.
  3. These signs shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the right-of-way.
  4. Banners are permitted in Residential Zoning Districts, R-3 and R-5.

5. The following signs are not permitted: Electronic message board signs, canopy, marquee or awning signs, illuminated signs, wall signs, offsite outdoor advertising signs (billboard), roof signs, multi-tenant business signs, and portable signs.

**Article VI. Part C:** Signs and advertising displays are permitted under the following conditions:

1. In residential zoning districts such a sign is permitted in advertising a permitted home occupation when attached to the dwelling, not over two (2) feet square in area, but there shall be no public display of goods and the sign shall not be illuminated. Also a real estate sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises on which it is maintained, provided that such sign does not exceed six (6) square feet in area.

**B. Residential Districts (R-5 and R-6)**

1. Signs advertising the sale, rental or lease of the property are allowed, but cannot exceed twelve (12) square feet in area.
2. Signs displaying the advertising of a permanent home occupation are permissible and the sign is not to exceed six (6) square feet in area.
3. These signs shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the right-of-way.
4. Traffic control signs, lighted or unlighted, can be maintained within the limits of the mobile home park.
5. Mobile Home Park signs shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet from the right-of-way.
6. Banner signs are permitted in Residential Zoning Districts, R-3 and R-5. Political signs are permitted in all Zoning Districts.
7. The following signs are prohibited: Offsite outdoor advertising signs (billboards), multi-tenant business signs, roof signs, flashing signs, electronic message board signs,

**canopy, marquee, and awning signs, wall signs, and portable signs.**

Article VI. Part C

2. Advertising signs, structures or devices of any character, placed or maintained on any land used as a mobile home park, shall be used only for the purpose of identifying and advertising the mobile home park and accommodations offered. Before being erected, the size, character, location and number of all such advertising signs, structures, shall be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Small directional and traffic control signs, lighted and unlighted, shall be erected and maintained within the limits of the mobile home park or on adjoining property when specified by the city engineer as to location and character. No other advertising sign, structure and device shall be permitted in this zone except one unlighted sign not exceeding six (6) square feet in the area pertaining to the sale or lease of property or premises upon which displayed.

C. Commercial District (C-2) and Manufacturing District (M-1)

1. Outdoor advertising signs (billboards) are permitted in these zones. These signs may not be placed closer than 2640 feet from any other outdoor advertising sign.

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3. Outdoor advertising Signs- Outdoor advertising signs are permitted in the C-2 and M-1 zones of the City of Starkville under the following conditions:

a) Outdoor advertising signs may not be placed closer than 300 feet from any other outdoor advertising sign.

2. **The total surface area of an outdoor advertising sign may not exceed twelve (12) feet in height and twenty-four (24) feet in width or a total area of 288 square feet and shall be a minimum of fifty (50) feet from the right-of-way. The total height from the road grade shall not exceed forty-five (45) feet.**

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b) Outdoor adverting signs may not be placed closer to the

right-of-way line of any public street that the front minimum yard size in that zone in which the outdoor advertising sign is placed. (20 ft.)

c) Outdoor advertising signs may not exceed in height the maximum building height regulation in that zone in which the outdoor advertising sign is placed, nor shall they be located closer to the street right-of-way than the minimum front yard requirement for building in that zone in which the outdoor advertising sign is located. (20 ft. 45 ft.)

d) Outdoor advertising signs may not be positioned less than 60 degrees from the parallel to the right of way line toward which it is oriented.

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e.) The total surface area of an outdoor advertising sign may not exceed 12 feet in height and 24 feet in width or a total area of 288 square feet.

3. Outdoor advertising signs shall be removed promptly upon expiration of the ground lease upon which it is located or when it presents a safety hazard. The property owner shall remove these signs.

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h.) The owner of an outdoor advertising sign shall promptly remove same upon expiration of the ground lease upon which it is located or when for structural reasons it presents a present safety hazard to the public.

4. Outdoor advertising signs shall not contain animation or moving parts nor flashing lights or beacons. They shall not emit sound and shall not be embellished with flags, banners, twirlers, balloons, or any similar features.

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f.) Outdoor advertising signs may be either internally lighted or externally lighted provided that all external lighting is directed at the face of the sign and is shielded so as to prevent diffusion onto any adjoining properties or public roadways.

g.) Outdoor advertising signs may not contain animation or

moving parts; they may not contain flashing lights or beacons; they may not emit sound whatsoever, nor shall they be embellished with flags, banners, twirlers, balloons or any similar features. Furthermore, it shall be prohibited for any outdoor advertising sign to emulate any control message as may be ordinarily used to direct traffic.

5. Outdoor advertising signs (billboards) shall be a maximum of two single-sided panels or one double-sided panel.
6. Onsite freestanding signs advertising the name of a business and services provided by a business shall not exceed 144 square feet in area and must be a minimum of ten (10) feet from the right-of-way. Multiple onsite signs advertising the name and services provided by the same business must be separated by a minimum of six hundred sixty (660) linear feet of frontage along a public street. Onsite signs may not exceed forty-five (45) feet in height.
7. Onsite signs advertising the sale, rental or lease of the property are allowed, but cannot exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
8. Wall signs are permitted in this zone and the aggregate square footage of all wall signs displayed upon an individual wall shall not exceed 50% of the total square footage of the individual wall, where the square footage of the wall is measured in its entirety without regard to the placement or number of windows and doors. Those wall signs hanging over the right-of-way shall be placed a minimum of eight (8) feet above the finished grade, shall not present a danger to the public and shall not alter the walking path of the public.
9. Roof signs are permitted in C-2 and M-1 zoning districts. Roof signs may not exceed a maximum of eighty (80) square feet in area, and may not exceed a maximum height of four (4) feet nor exceed a maximum length of twenty (20) feet. Regardless of any requirements upon size, roof signs may not extend over the footprint of the building upon which it is attached, in any direction, nor extend more than twenty percent (20%) of the total height of the sign, or (4) feet, whichever is less, above the highest point of the roof.

10. Banners are permitted in C-2 and M-1 zoning districts. Canopy, awning, marquee and post signs are permitted in Commercial Districts, C-1, C-2 and C-3 and Manufacturing District, M-1. Electronic message board signs are also permitted.
11. Portable signs are temporarily permitted in C-2 and M-1 and shall be displayed for a maximum of fifteen (15) days and are permitted for only four (4) periods per location per calendar year and cannot be moved to a new location within 500 feet of the previous location if it is to be used by the same business.
12. Multi-tenant business signs are permitted in C-2 and M-1 zoning districts. Multi-tenant business signs must be free-standing, and constructed and supported by either a pole or monument structure. The central part of the multi-tenant sign, normally reserved for advertising the name of the shopping facility or mall itself, must be no more than a maximum of one-hundred forty-four (144) square feet in area. Individual signs of facility tenants may be arranged along the sign, but no individual tenant related sign may be more than twenty-four (24') square feet in size. The entire structure may not exceed forty-five (45') feet in height, and must meet all applicable setbacks. Multiple multi-tenant business signs may be allowed on the same property, providing that the signs are separated in distance by 660' linear feet of frontage along a public street.

D. Buffer District (B-1) and Commercial District (C-1 and C-3)

1. Signs advertising the sale, rental or lease of the property are allowed, but cannot exceed twelve (12) square feet in area.
2. These signs shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the right-of-way.
3. Signs advertising the name of a business and services rendered by a business shall not exceed 144 square feet in area and must be a minimum of ten (10) feet from the right-of-way.

4. Wall signs are permitted in this zone and the aggregate square footage of all wall signs displayed upon an individual wall shall not exceed 50% of the total square footage of the individual wall, where the square footage of the wall is measured in its entirety without regard to the placement or number of windows and doors. Those wall signs hanging over the right-of-way shall be placed a minimum of eight (8) feet above the finished grade, shall not present a danger to the public and shall not alter the walking path of the public.
5. Banners are permitted in these Districts. Canopy, awning and marquee signs are permitted in Commercial Districts C-1, C-2 and C-3 and Manufacturing District, M-1.
6. The following signs are prohibited: Offsite outdoor advertising signs (billboards), roof signs, flashing signs, multi-tenant business signs electronic message board signs, and portable signs.

E. Planned Unit Development (PUD)

The Board of Aldermen will assign signage limitations at time of the adoption of a PUD re-zoning. All PUD Districts already designated as such at the time of the adoption of this ordinance shall comply with R-5 Zoning District guidelines. Offsite outdoor advertising signs (billboards) are not permitted in PUD Districts.

Section 3. Banners. All banners displaying commercial advertisements shall be displayed for a maximum of fifteen (15) calendar days. These banners are permitted for only four (4) periods per location per calendar year. These banners shall not be affixed to poles, trees, wire utility lines or any City owned property. A banner shall not exceed twelve (12). Banners shall not be placed within ten (10) feet of the right-of-way. Banners shall not advertise alcohol or tobacco products.

Banners are not allowed across public or private streets within the Municipal boundaries, except by written permission from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the City of Starkville, and shall not contain any commercial advertising. Banners are not permitted in A-1, R-E, R-1, R-2, R-4 and PUD Zoning Districts.

Section 4. Bus Bench Signs. Bus bench signs are allowed only on benches authorized by a municipal transit provider along

established bus routes. No other bus bench signs are permitted.

- Section 5. Inflatable Displays. These displays are permitted under the same guidelines as banners. The maximum height is twenty (20) feet and shall be setback a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the edge of the right-of-way. These displays may not be placed on a roof structure.
- Section 6. Political Signs. Political signs may not be placed upon governmental buildings or adjacent lawns, or upon public utility poles. Political signs may be placed upon public right-of-way, streets, alleys and sidewalks, provided that the signs may not be placed in such a way as to interfere in any way with traffic visibility, and/or foot traffic. Political signs are permitted in all Zoning Districts. Political signs may be placed on private property with the permission of the property owner. All political signs must be removed within three (3) days following the election to which they pertain. If a political sign is not removed or placed improperly, the City is authorized to remove the sign, even if it is placed on private property. If any sign fails to comply with this ordinance, the candidate being advertised shall be responsible for any penalties. For more details on penalties see Section 15, Enforcement.
- Section 8. Flashing Signs These signs are prohibited in all zoning districts.
- Section 9. Offsite Outdoor Advertising Signs (Billboards). These signs are prohibited in all districts except C-2 and M-1. The size of the billboard is determined by the amount of linear frontage on a public street. Two (2) square feet of sign are allowed for each foot of linear frontage on a public street to a maximum sign face of 288 square feet.
- Section 10. Inspection, Removal and Safety. All signs shall be kept in good repair and in safe, neat, clean and attractive condition. The City Planner shall give written notice for the removal of any sign erected or maintained in violation of this ordinance. Upon failure to comply with this notice, the Code Compliance Officer shall take legal actions to enforce compliance with this ordinance. The City Planner or Code Compliance Officer may remove or have a sign removed at the owner's expense immediately and without notice if the

sign presents an immediate threat to the safety of the public. Any sign removed shall be at the expense of the property owner.

Section 11. Permits. All signs and banners larger than four (4) square feet in area are under this ordinance required to obtain a permit, which shall be obtained prior to the erection of the sign. This permit can be obtained from the City Planner or Code Compliance Officer. These permits shall range in price from \$0 to \$50. The size and type of sign will determine the cost. A fee chart is attached as Appendix A. Any sign with a value, replacement or repair cost of \$1,000.00 or more must also obtain a building permit issued by the Building Official.

Section 12. Exempted Signs. The following signs and banners are subject to all provisions of this ordinance, but are exempted from all permitting requirements. The following signs and banners are allowed in addition to all signs allowed by this ordinance.

A. Political signs as defined by this ordinance.

B. Advertising signs for sale or lease of real estate (must comply with zoning requirements).

C. Non-directional and non-commercial signs that do not exceed four (4) square feet in area do not have to maintain a permit, but shall comply with the ordinance guidelines for placement.

D. Signs and banners placed upon the property of any public or private school, college or university supported entirely or partly by taxation, or by individual payments of tuition from attending students, or upon the property of any fraternal or social institution recognized as a student organization by such school, college or university, provided that the advertising contained on such sign or banner is directly related to an onsite activity conducted by such school, college, university or fraternal or social organization

E. Signs and banners placed upon the property of churches, provided that the advertising contained on such sign or banner is directly related to an onsite activity conducted by such church.

F. Signs and banners placed upon the property of not-for-Profit

organizations that have valid 501(c)3 status, provided that the advertising contained on such sign or banner is directly related to an onsite activity conducted by such not-for-profit organization.

Section 13. Nonconforming Signs. In instances where a sign is nonconforming to any of the requirements of this ordinance, such sign and any supporting structure may be allowed although such a sign does not conform to the provisions hereof. No such nonconforming sign may be enlarged or altered in any way, which increases its nonconformity. No sign, which has been damaged more than 50% of its fair market value, shall be restored except in conformity with the regulations of this ordinance. Any alteration or maintenance of a nonconforming sign such as painting of panels or frame, changing outface panels, or repairs to frame or panel requires a permit from the City Planning Department. Movement of a portable sign to conform with setback regulations does not invalidate the nonconforming status of the sign. The addition of a reader board of up to thirty-two (32) square feet in size to the existing supporting structure of a nonconforming sign does not invalidate the nonconforming status of the sign.

Flashing signs and the setback distance of portable signs have thirty (30) days to be brought into compliance. Non-permitted banners and temporary signs must be removed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this ordinance. All portable signs must be removed within a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 14. Sign Restrictions and Prohibitions. No sign may be located so that it substantially interferes with the view necessary for motorists to proceed safely through an intersection or to enter onto or exit from public streets, private roads or driveways. No sign may be erected so that by its location, color, size, shape, nature or message it would tend to obstruct the view of or be confused with official traffic signs or other signs erected by governmental agencies. All signs must be designed to withstand a wind of sixty (60) miles per hour. No sign may be constructed, erected, moved, enlarged, illuminated or altered except in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Signs advertising the rental, sale or lease of property shall be removed immediately after such action has been done. Construction site identification signs shall be removed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of an occupancy permit. This does not include banners and other signs that are put up on a temporary basis per this ordinance.

No person may, for the purpose of increasing or enhancing the visibility of any sign, damage, trim, destroy or remove any trees, shrubs or other vegetation located within the right-of-way of any public street or road, unless the work is done pursuant to the expressed written authorization of the City Planning Department.

Section 15. Enforcement.

- A. The City of Starkville City Planner and Code Compliance Officer shall be directed to enforce all of the provisions of this ordinance.
- B. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 plus court cost for each offense and each day, such violation continues, shall constitute a separate offense.
- C. Any person aggrieved by any zoning interpretation or order of the Code Compliance Officer may appeal to the Planning and Zoning Commission within five (5) days after written notification by the City Planner. The Code Compliance Officer shall take no further action on the matter pending the Commission's decision, except for unsafe signs, which present an immediate and serious danger to the public as provided in Section 10 of this ordinance. Decisions of the Planning and Zoning Commission may be appealed to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen within five (5) days of the action by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Appeals to the Commission (and if applicable, to the Board of Alderman) carry the fee outlined in Appendix A.

Section 16. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. Should any portion thereof be determined to be invalid, the remainder nonetheless remains in full force and effect.

Section 17. Publication. The Municipal Clerk is instructed to publish this Ordinance one time in the Starkville Daily News and to obtain Proof of Publication thereof.

Section 18. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect one (1) month after passage and publication of this ordinance.

**UPON MOTION** of Alderman Frank M. Davis, duly seconded by Alderman Virgil N. Bolin, the aforesaid Ordinance was put to a roll call vote with the Aldermen voting as follows:

Alderman Sumner D. Davis, III	Voted: Yea
Alderman Frank M. Davis, Sr.	Voted: Yea
Alderman P.C. McLaurin Jr.	Voted: Nay
Alderman Lee Beck	Voted: Yea
Alderman Virgil Bolin	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Vic Zitta	Voted: Absent

**ORDAINED AND ADOPTED**, this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2002 at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Starkville, Mississippi.

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MACK RUTLEDGE, Mayor  
City of Starkville, Mississippi

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VIVIAN E. COLLIER, Clerk  
City of Starkville, Mississippi

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#### **APPENDIX A: PERMITTING FEES**

##### **FEE CHART – EXCLUDING BANNERS**

Size of Sign in Square Feet Permitting Fee

0 sq. ft to 32 sq. ft. \$ 0  
33 sq. ft. to 287 sq. \$25  
288 sq. ft. or greater \$50

Fee for Appeal - Appeal Fee  
Any sign issue \$75