

ORDINANCE 785

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 60-242(3) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALMA TO INCLUDE THE B-2 DISTRICT AMONG THE DISTRICTS IN WHICH PROJECTING SIGNS ARE ALLOWED

The City of Alma ordains:

Section 1. Section 60-242(3) of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Alma is amended to read as follows:

(3) Projecting Signs.

- a. *B-1 and B-2 Zoning Districts.* Each business establishment within the B-1 and B-2 zoning districts may be allowed either one (1) wall sign or one (1) projecting sign. Projecting signs are subject to the following regulations:
 1. Total signage area for a projecting sign shall not exceed fifteen (15) square feet (both sides) or a maximum of seven and one-half (7 ½) square feet per side.
 2. A projecting sign shall provide at least eight (8) feet of clearance above the pedestrian public right-of-way of a public sidewalk or other pedestrian area. Also, the sign shall not be installed above a maximum mounting height of fourteen (14) feet and in no event above the highest area surface of the wall upon which the sign is attached. The distance between the wall upon which the sign is attached and the surface of the sign nearest the wall shall not exceed ten (10) inches.
 3. No portion of a projecting sign, including the frame, shall extend more than four (4) feet beyond the surface of the building or wall to which it is attached, and shall not project over a sidewalk, to a point which is less than two (2) feet from the face of the curb or over vehicular areas.
 4. Any attaching bracket and the sign itself shall be constructed of metal or non-combustible materials and attached directly to the building surface or wall in accordance with all applicable building code requirements. Projecting signs shall not have more than two (2) sign faces. A projecting sign shall be allowed a thickness or depth not to exceed six (6) inches and such thickness or depth shall not be considered to be a sign face. No advertising shall be allowed on such thickness or depth.
 5. Projecting signs shall only be externally lighted; provided that such lighting does not interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
 6. Brackets used to attach a projecting sign to a building surface shall not be used as a message board and shall be constructed to meet the minimum specification necessary to safely support the sign.
 7. Business establishments having frontage on two (2) public rights-of-way are deemed to have two (2) building fronts and may have a projecting sign upon each such front. Alternatively, a single angular projecting sign may be located at the corner of the building fronts projecting toward the adjacent street corner. If a single angular projecting sign is used, no other projecting sign shall be permitted on either of the building fronts.
 8. The area of a projecting sign shall be measured as the entire area within a single rectangle, oval, circle or square, enclosed the extreme limits of the writing, representation, or any figure of similar character, together with any sign frame, background, or other material, or color forming an integral part of the display used to articulate or enhance such sign. The measurement of sign area shall not include any attaching bracket.

9. Any supporting or attaching bracket shall be designed in accordance with all applicable building and construction codes and shall provide support for the sign as not to detract from the sign message or become a part of the sign design.
10. Every projecting sign shall be maintained so as not to deteriorate or fall into disrepair and shall be kept painted or protected with other approved coatings or materials. Any projecting sign not so maintained shall be removed within three (3) days of notification by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.
11. For shopping centers or multi-tenant buildings in the B-1 and B-2 Zoning Districts, each business shall be allowed one (1) projecting sign subject to the above regulations. Establishments using a projecting sign shall not, however, be allowed a wall sign.

b. *Projecting signs prohibited.* Projecting signs are prohibited in all other districts.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances and/or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 15 days from and after its enactment as provided by the City Charter.

Passed and approved by the City Commission of the City of Alma, Michigan, in regular session, held April 12, 2016.

We, the undersigned, Mayor and Clerk of the City of Alma, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance, known as Ordinance No. 785 of the City of Alma, Michigan, was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Commission, held on February 23, 2016, and was thereafter passed at a regular meeting on April 12, 2016, at least two weeks elapsing between the introduction and the enactment.

Dated at Alma, Michigan, this 12th day of April, 2016.

Melvin Nyman, Mayor

Sheila Letourneau, Clerk

I, the undersigned, City Clerk, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and above Ordinance No. 784 of the City of Alma, Michigan, is a true and compared copy of the original ordinance, now on file in my office, and of the whole thereof; that the same was published within 10 days from its adoption in the Morning Sun, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in the City of Alma, Michigan, and that the Affidavit of Publication thereof is now on file in my office and is a part of the original records pertaining to the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.3 and 5.5 of Chapter V of the Charter of Alma, Michigan, the foregoing ordinance shall take effect 15 days after its enactment as aforesaid.

Dated April 12, 2016 at Alma, Michigan _____
Sheila. Letourneau, City Clerk