

Ordinance 1-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE THE SIGN CHAPTER OF THE RIVER HEIGHTS CITY CODE

The River Heights City Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 to discuss the Sign Chapter of the River Heights City Code. After going back and forth between the Commission and Council for clarifications, the River Heights City Council adopted the following chapter of Title 10 of the River Heights City Code.

TITLE 10
CHAPTER 16
SIGNS

SECTION:

- 10-16-1: Signs Regulated
- 10-16-2: Temporary Signage
- 10-16-3: Home Occupation Signage
- 10-16-4: Commercial Signage
- 10-16-5: Political Signage
- 10-16-6: Compliance in Question

10-16-1: SIGNS REGULATED

Signs are regulated as stated in this chapter. In each instance the following restrictions apply:

- A. Location: All signs shall maintain a clear view of intersecting streets as provided in 10-13-15. No signs shall be located within public rights-of-way.
- B. Height: In every case, signs located in the front or side yards on a corner lot shall not be higher than two feet (2').
- C. Animation and intermittent signs are not allowed.

10-16-2: TEMPORARY SIGNAGE

- A. Policy: It is the policy of the city to regulate the use of temporary signage. Temporary signage has a place in the community for specialized purposes, such as announcing properties for sale or lease, upcoming events, yard sales, construction activities, or making political or ideological statements.
- B. Regulations for Temporary Yard Signs
 - 1. Size
Temporary yard signs shall not exceed three (3) square feet on any exposed sign face. Temporary yard signs may be double-sided, awning type, or A frame construction, for a total maximum sign area of six (6) square feet.
 - 2. Location
 - a. Refer to 10-16-1:A.
 - b. The city has the right to place temporary signs in public rights-of-way.
 - 3. Height
No temporary yard sign may extend more than six feet (6') above existing ground level. Mounting devices may extend above the sign by no more than six inches (6").
 - 4. Real Estate Signage

Real estate signs placed on properties for sale are expected to be removed upon closing of the sale.

10-16-3: HOME OCCUPATION SIGNAGE

- A. Current Home Occupation License Required
- B. Limit of One (1) Sign
- C. Size Restricted to Two-by-Two Feet (2'x2')

10-16-4: COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE

- A. Permits Required: Regardless of cost, no sign shall be erected or placed within the city without first making application for and obtaining a building permit. Construction or placement of a sign shall not be commenced until all approvals and permits have been obtained.
- B. Size:
 - 1. 30% of one façade for wall signs. Two wall mounted signs maximum.
 - 2. 300 square feet for all freestanding signs. One freestanding sign per parcel.

10-16-5: POLITICAL SIGNAGE

- A. Location: May be placed only on private property with permission of the property owner.
- B. Timeframe: For ninety (90) days preceding a primary, general or special election, temporary signs may be placed on any one parcel of property. Signs need to be removed within one week after a general or special election.
- C. Size: There are no size restrictions on political signs if the sign(s) do not obstruct protected sight triangles (10-13-15) or otherwise cause unsafe conditions.

10-16-6: COMPLIANCE IN QUESTION

For any sign(s) where compliance is in question or where the requirements as set forth in this chapter do not address specific criteria, the City Council shall have the authority to approve or deny permission of said sign.

Adopted and effective this 17th day of February 2026.



Blake Wright, Mayor



Attest:



Sheila Lind, Recorder