

ORDINANCE NUMBER O20-005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAFFORD, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA AMENDING TITLE 17, ZONING, CHAPTER 17.82 SIGN REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF SAFFORD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FREESTANDING DIRECTORY SIGNS.

WHEREAS, *Arizona Revised Statute §9-462.01* provides that the legislative body of any municipality by ordinance may in order to conserve and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare regulate the use of buildings, structures and land as between agriculture, residence, industry, business and other purposes; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Safford has adopted Title 17, Zoning for the above stated purpose; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Title 17, Zoning to modify the requirements for freestanding directory signs to create a positive climate for business and entrepreneurship and to collaboratively work with businesses to reduce barriers to investment, growth and expansion as stated in the Economic Development Element of the Safford General Plan.

WHEREAS, the effective date of this ordinance, dated April 13, 2020 shall be May 13, 2020 after completion of publication and posting as provided by law, whichever is later.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, that Chapter 17.82 Sign Regulations of the Municipal Code of the City of Safford as contained in Title 17, Zoning, is amended as stated below.

Zoning Ordinance Chapter 17.82 – Sign Regulations, Section 17.82.070 – Signs allowed by permit in commercial and/or industrial zones is hereby amended as follows:

C. Directory signs: a sign, or a set of similarly designed individual signs, placed or displayed in sequence, to list all or part of the businesses within said building or business center.

1. Size: SIGNS MOUNTED ON A BUILDING shall not exceed six square feet in sign area for each business so identified. FREE STANDING DIRECTORY SIGNS UNDER TWENTY (20) FEET IN HEIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED TWELVE (12) SQUARE FEET IN SIGN AREA FOR EACH BUSINESS SO IDENTIFIED AND FREE STANDING DIRECTORY SIGNS TWENTY (20) FEET AND ABOVE IN HEIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY (20) SQUARE FEET IN SIGN AREA FOR EACH BUSINESS SO IDENTIFIED. Total area of all signs, if mounted on building, shall not exceed thirty (30) square feet.

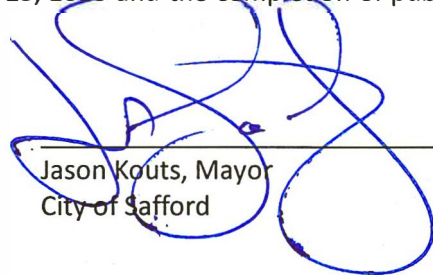
2. Height: if mounted on-building, shall not extend above the roof line of the building on which it is placed or displayed.

3. Location: in all commercial and industrial zones.


4. Other Restrictions. Such signs may be in addition to an on-building identification sign. A freestanding directory sign may be approved for each business center combined with each center's business identification sign. BUSINESS CENTERS THAT EXCEED THREE HUNDERD (300) LINEAR FEET IN STREET FRONTAGE ARE PERMITTED ONE ADDITIONAL FREESTANDING DIRECTORY SIGN PROVIDED THAT THE FREESTANDING DIRECTORY SIGNS BE SEPARATED BY A MINIMUM OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (250)

LINEAR FEET. Such signs will be in conformity with the matrix in subsection (D)(1) of this section with the addition of fifty (50) percent area increase. On-building directory signs shall be allowed in addition to the sign area permitted by subsection (C)(1) of this section.

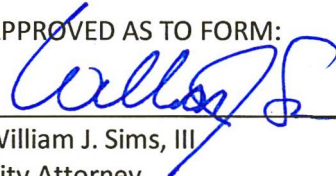
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL of the City of Safford this 13th day of April, 2020, with an effective date upon the later to occur of May 13, 2020 and the completion of publication and posting as required by A.R.S. § 9-812.



Jason Kouts, Mayor
City of Safford

ATTEST:


Tamara Webster, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


William J. Sims, III
City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss
County of Graham)

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing Ordinance Number O20-005 was duly passed and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, at a regular council meeting held April 13, 2020 with an effective date of May 13, 2020 or as required by law. A quorum of the Council was present at the meeting.



Tamara Webster, CMC
City Clerk

Date: April 13, 2020