

CITY OF LAKE ELMO
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
STATE OF MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO. 08-119

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE ELMO ZONING CODE BY AMENDING THE SIGN
ORDINANCE BY MAKING PYLON AND FREESTANDING SIGNS A PERMITTED USE WITHIN
COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 94

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends Title XV: Land
Usage; Chapter 154: Zoning Code; Section 212; Subsection B to add the following:

- B. *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Freeway Sign. A pole or freestanding sign adjacent to Interstate 94. To be a permitted freeway sign, the sign must be located within one-hundred and fifty (150) linear feet of the freeway right-of-way. A single sign structure having two identical or nearly identical faces back to back shall constitute a single sign.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends Title XV: Land
Usage; Chapter 154: Zoning Code; Section 212; Subsection G to add the following:

- G. *Limitations According to the Type of Land Use.* Unless exempt under §154.212.K or as expressly provided elsewhere, no permanent or temporary signs shall be displayed except in conformity with the following regulations as they correspond to the type of land use and districts in which the sign is to be displayed.
3. Commercial, Mixed-Use and Industrial Districts
- a. Ground Signs
 - b. Directory Signs
 - c. Awning and Canopy Signs
 - d. Wall Signs
 - e. Projecting Signs
 - f. Hanging Signs
 - g. Window Signs
 - h. Directional and Informational Signs
 - i. Corporate Flags and Decorative Banners
 - j. Temporary Signs
 - k. *I-94 Freeway Signs*

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends Title XV: Land
Usage; Chapter 154: Zoning Code; Section 212; Subsection H to add the following:

H. *Regulations Pertaining to Specific Sign Type.* Except as expressly provided elsewhere, signs shall meet the following regulations according to sign type:

3. Freeway Signs

- a. Number. Properties that are adjacent to Interstate 94 may have one (1) freeway sign in addition to the permitted number of ground signs on the property.
- b. Location. Freeway signs are only permitted within one-hundred and fifty (150) linear feet of the freeway right-of-way. Freeway signs shall be placed with consideration for visibility, access, maintenance, and safety, consistent with the provisions of Section 154.212.F.2. A freeway sign shall be located no closer than 100 feet of another freeway sign or the furthest distance possible from another freeway sign. No freeway sign may be located closer than 5 feet to a property line, roadway easement, or other public easement.
- c. Height. The maximum height for all freeway signs is twenty-five (25) feet.
- d. Surface Area. No freeway sign shall exceed one-hundred and fifty (150) square feet in size.
- e. Design Standards. Signs shall be constructed of similar materials, style, and color as that of the principle building. Pylon signs must have a pole cover or pylon cover. The pole or pylon cover must be constructed of similar materials and have a similar appearance as the principal building.

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SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication in the official newspaper of the City of Lake Elmo.

SECTION 5. Adoption Date. This Ordinance 08-119 was adopted on this fifth day of May 2015, by a vote of ___ Ayes and ___ Nays.

LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL

Mike Pearson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam Bell, City Clerk

This Ordinance 08-119 was published on the ____ day of _____, 2015.