

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 08-192

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE ELMO CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY
AMENDING THE CITY'S SIGN REGULATIONS**

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends Chapter 154: Zoning Code; Article VII: General Regulations; Section 154.212: Sign Regulations; Subd. (F) (2) (b) by amending the following:

- b. *Signs on Public Property.* No sign shall be located within or across any public right-of-way, or on any public property, easement, or utility pole, except for:
- i. A sign erected by, or required by, a government agency or temporarily erected to protect the health and safety of the general public;
 - ii. A sign erected in conformity with subparagraph (a.ii) of this subsection.
 - iii. Subdivision identification signs, provided an encroachment and license agreement is obtained from the appropriate jurisdiction.
 - iv. Directional signs to places of worship, schools, parks and public buildings within the City not to exceed four square feet subject to the approval of the road authority. Not more than three directional signs are allowed for each building location.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends Chapter 154: Zoning Code; Article VII: General Regulations; Section 154.212: Sign Regulations; Subd. (G) (1) (c) by amending the following:

- c. Subdivision Identification Signs
- i. *Number.* Each residential subdivision is allowed up to ~~a maximum of two (2)~~ one subdivision identification signs ~~per subdivision entrance~~. For the purposes of this section, residential subdivision shall include all phases of approved staged developments.
 - ii. *Location.* Subdivision identification signs shall be located near entrances to the subdivision, except that one sign may be located along an abutting arterial or major collector roadway.
 - iii. *Size.* The maximum size for a subdivision identification sign is 32 square feet at a subdivision's main entrance and twenty four (24) square feet for all other locations.
 - iv. *Setback.* Subdivision identification signs and support structure shall maintain a setback of at least ten feet from any street right-of-way. Signs as well as support structures within a center island shall maintain a setback of at least five feet from the curb and are subject to regulations set forth by 154.212 (F) (2) (b) of this Chapter.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends Chapter 154: Zoning Code; Article VII: General Regulations; Section 154.212: Sign Regulations; Subd. (H) (2) by amending the following:

Table 5-3 Ground Signs

Table 5-3 describes the zoning districts in which ground signs may be displayed, and the maximum height and area of the signs, as determined by street classification (as designated in the Lake Elmo Comprehensive Plan) of the closest street to which each free standing sign is located. For ground signs on zoning lots with more than one street frontage, use the higher street classification to determine the maximum height and area allowed. Businesses that are located on a road designed to provide safe access to minor arterials and principal arterials shall be permitted to erect a freestanding sign up to the determined maximum height and size allowable for a freestanding sign on said minor arterial or principal arterial road to which it is adjacent.

Table 5-3 Ground Signs				
Zoning District		A ^a , LDR, OP, RE, RS, RR ^a , RT ^a	MDR, HDR	BP, C, CC, GB, LC, VMX
No. of Total Traffic Lanes	Speed Limit (MPH)	Max Height/Area (Sq. Ft.)	Max Height/Area (Sq. Ft.)	Max Height/Area (Sq. Ft.)
1-3 Local Street	0-34	-	6'/32	10'/32-40
	35-44	-	6'/32	10'/50
Collector Street	45+	-	6'/32	10'/72-50
4-5 Minor Arterial	0-34	-	6'/32	10'/40-64
	35-44	-	6'/32	10'/64
Principal Arterial ^b	45+	-	6'/32 ^b	12'/80 ^b

Notes to Table 5-3:

- Ground signs are only permitted in the A, RR, and RT districts in conjunction with agricultural sales business.
- In lieu of a ground sign meeting underlying zoning requirements, properties located south of 5th Street and north of I-94 may have one ground sign up to 30 feet in height and up to 250 square feet in size when within 50 feet of the property line nearest I-94. The base of the sign shall be constructed of materials similar to those used on the building for which the sign is installed.

SECTION 4. The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends Chapter 154: Zoning Code; Article VII: General Regulations; Section 154.212: Sign Regulations; Subd. (D) (1) by amending the following:

- Permit Required.* Except as provided in this Section, it shall be unlawful for any person to place, erect, alter or relocate within the city, any sign without first obtaining a permit from the ~~Planning Director~~ Planning Department and making payment of all fees as required by the City's Fee Schedule. This subsection shall not be interpreted to require a permit for a change of copy on a changeable copy sign, changing occupant sign panels on a directory sign, repainting, cleaning, or other normal maintenance and repair of any existing sign or its structure as long as the sign copy does not change.

SECTION 5. The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends Chapter 154: Zoning Code; Article VII: General Regulations; Section 154.212: Sign Regulations; Subd. (H) (c) by amending the following:

c. *Type of Sign.* Any permanent ground sign shall be erected as a monument sign. Pole signs are prohibited unless the pole portion of the sign is enclosed in a shroud that causes the sign to appear to have a monolithic base or support structure of any material measuring no less than one-third (1/3) of the greatest width of the sign at any point or unless the height is no greater than three (3) feet. This provision does not apply to signs erected on properties located south of 5th Street and north of I-94. The base of the monument sign shall not exceed the width of the widest portion of the sign face by more than twenty-five percent (25%).

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication in the official newspaper of the City of Lake Elmo.

SECTION 6. Adoption Date. This Ordinance 08-192 was adopted on this 2nd day of January 2018, by a vote of 3 Ayes and 1 Nays.

LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL



Mike Pearson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Johnson, City Clerk

This Ordinance 08-____ was published on the ____ day of _____, 2018.