

Ordinance 7-2025

AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE THE SIGN ORDINANCE IN THE RIVER HEIGHTS CITY CODE

The River Heights City Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, after which, the River Heights City Council adopted the following changes to 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: Portable Yard Signs
- 10-16-7: 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.
- B. Height: In every case, signs located in the front or side yards on a corner lot shall not be higher than two feet (3').
- C. Animation and intermittent signs are not allowed.

10-16-2: TEMPORARY SIGNAGE

- A. Policy: It is the policy of the city, to restrict 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:
 - 1. Size: Temporary signs shall not exceed three (3) square feet of area on the exposed sign face.
 - 2. Location: Temporary signs are permitted in any zone, provided they are located on private property, except for portable yard signs (10-16-6). On vacant lots, where there is no structure, no part of the sign shall be located outside of the property boundary.
 - 3. Height: No portion of the sign shall extend more than six feet (6') above the existing ground level at the location of the sign. Mounting devices may extend above the sign by not more than six inches (6").
 - 4. Number: Only one temporary sign is permitted on any one parcel of property except during election time (see 10-16-5).

10-16-3: HOME OCCUPATION SIGNAGE

- A. Current Home Occupation License Required
- B. Limit of One (1) Sign

- C. Sign Must be Attached to the Dwelling (or accessory building where the home occupation is housed).
- D. 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. Number: For sixty (60) days preceding a primary, general or special election, up to three (3) temporary signs may be placed on any one parcel of property.
- 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: PORTABLE YARD SIGNS

- A. Location: Yard signs may be located on the property to which the sign pertains, keeping within 10-16-1. Off-site yard signs may be located within the public right of way, but not within the paved area of any street, and not on any sidewalk.
- B. Size: Yard signs shall not exceed three (3) square feet in area on any sign face, but may be double sided, awning or A-frame type construction, for a total sign area of six (6) square feet.
- C. Time Limit: Yard signs shall be displayed only immediately prior to and during the event, yard sale, or open house in progress, and shall be removed at sundown. Yard signs may not be displayed for more than seventy-two (72) hours continuously. Signs not removed after seventy-two (72) hours of display are deemed refuse and the owner or erector of the sign could be subject to a Class B misdemeanor for littering.

10-16-7: 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 18th day of November 2025.

Blake Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sheila Lind, Recorder