

ORDINANCE NO. 98-5057

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, PROVIDING THAT THE BILLINGS, MONTANA CITY CODE BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 27-706; PROVIDING FOR A REQUIRED SIGN SETBACK OF TWENTY (20) FEET OR MORE DEPENDING UPON THE ZONING DISTRICT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

Section 1. That Section 27-706 of the Billings, Montana City Code be amended so that such Section shall read as follows:

"Section 27-706. Special circumstance signs.

. . . .
(b) *Off-premise/billboard.* Off-premise/billboard signs may be erected on ground or wall locations (and roof locations such as can be done within regulations and limitations of roof signs) in the following zoning districts: CC, HC, CI, HI, CBD, NC on special review only, as follows:

- (1) Off-premise signs on the same side of the street facing the same traffic flow shall not be placed closer together than three hundred (300) feet.
- (2) At the intersection of two (2) street, double or single faced signs at right angles to and, therefore, facing traffic on street A may be situated closer than three hundred (300) feet to a similarly positioned sign across the street at right angles to and therefore, facing traffic on Street B.
- (3) Structures for off-premise signs shall be of vertical (cantilever) construction and where the back is visible it shall be suitably painted or otherwise covered to present a neat and clean appearance.
- (4) No part of any off-premise sign structure shall be closer to any the front property line than ~~the front line of the nearest building within one hundred (100) feet, regardless of where building is located, or other required building setback of the zoning district, whichever is greater. twenty (20) feet or other required building setback of the zoning district, whichever is greater.~~ the front property line than the front line of the nearest building within one hundred (100) feet, regardless of where building is located, or other required building setback of the zoning district, whichever is greater. twenty (20) feet or other required building setback of the zoning district, whichever is greater. No part of

any off-premise sign that is located adjacent to a residential use or residential zoning district shall be set back from the side property line a minimum of twenty (20) feet.

- (5) Off-premise/billboard signs shall not exceed three hundred seventy-eight (378) square feet in sign area except for off-premise/billboard signs located within the interstate corridor which shall not exceed six hundred seventy-five (675) square feet in sign area and shall be located only in the appropriate zones. The height shall not exceed the lesser of fifty (50) feet or the maximum height allowed in the zoning district in which the sign is located, and comply with minimum height as per zoning requirements in this article. Such signs shall not bear the name of the property use upon which it is located."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after second reading and final adoption as provided by law.

Section 3. REPEALER. All resolutions, ordinances, and sections of the City Code inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which may be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED by the City Council on first reading this 27th day of April, 1998.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED on second reading this 11th day of May, 1998.



CITY OF BILLINGS

By Charles F. Tracy
Mayor

ATTEST:

By Marita Herold
City Clerk