

**ORDINANCE #2018-10**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT CHAPTER 3 GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 309 SIGNS, DELETING AND REPLACING SUBSECTION 3.E.1. POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS**

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**WHEREAS**, Sections 13-7-201 –13-7-212 of the Tennessee Code Annotated provides the City of Newport, Tennessee with the powers and authority to enact local municipal zoning codes and;

**WHEREAS**, said sections provide a process for the amendment of local municipal zoning text and zoning map, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Newport, Tennessee, City Council feels it to be in the best interest and to the best general welfare of the citizen of Newport, Tennessee, to amend the Newport Zoning text;

**WHEREAS**, the matter of this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance text has been considered by the Newport Regional Planning Commission, and was approved and recommended to the City Council on May 22, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN** of the City of Newport, Tennessee that municipal zoning ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 General Provisions, Section 309 Signs, Subsection 3.e.1. Political Campaign Signs is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following new section:

1. Political Campaign Signs. Political signs may not be put up prior to ninety (90) days before Election Day. Signs in residential areas shall not exceed four (4) square feet. Signs in commercial areas shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet. Signs must be placed a minimum of seven (7) feet from the street and shall not be located in such a manner as to obstruct clear or free vision, or cause hazards for pedestrians or vehicular traffic. No poles or stakes shall be driven into the ground at any intersection containing a traffic light. Candidates shall be held liable for any damage to underground circuits. No signs shall be placed upon or attached to any city owned property, except on Election Day near polling locations. All signs must be removed within seven (7) days after the election. Prohibited signs may be removed at any time by an authorized employee of the City of Newport.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORAINED, BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN** of the City of Newport, Tennessee that this ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED BY PLANNING COMMISSION  
PASSED ON FIRST READING:  
PUBLIC HEARING:

MAY 22, 2018  
JUNE 12, 2018  
JULY 10, 2018

PASSED ON SECOND READING:

JULY 10, 2018

CITY OF NEWPORT, TENNESSEE  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR CONNIE BALL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY ADMINISTRATOR JAMES FINCHUM

This document has been examined by me, and is approved as to form.

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CITY ATTORNEY TERRY HURST