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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LOWRY CR

ORDINANCE NO. 112

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PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR SIGNS CONSTRUCTED OR MAINTAINED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO CONSTRUCT OR MAINTAIN A SIGN WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY THAT IS IN VIOLATION OF THE REGULATIONS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWRY CROSSING, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. SIGN REGULATIONS

All signs constructed or maintained within the corporate limits of the city shall comply with the regulations of this ordinance and shall be permitted only within the Zoning District permitted as herein set out below. The terms "Zone district" and "district" mean the various zoning districts established by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lowry Crossing as from time to time amended. Sign permit fees shall be paid pursuant to the Master Fee Schedule, Ordinance 100 and any amendments thereto.

**SECTION 2. PERMANENT TYPE SIGN**

	<u>Type Sign</u>	<u>Maximum Area</u>	<u>Zone Permitted</u>	<u>Standards</u>
a.	Name Plate	2 sq. ft.	All districts	One per Street Frontage
b.	Institutional Sign	32 sq.ft	All districts	One per Street Frontage
c.	General Business Sign	200 sq. ft.	Permitted in C and LI Districts	
d.	Advertising Sign	400 sq. ft.	Permitted in LI District ONLY	No advertising Sign may be erected within a 500 ft. Radius of any other Advertising Sign

**SECTION 3. TEMPORARY TYPE SIGNS**

	<u>Type Sign</u>	<u>Maximum Area</u>	<u>Zone Permitted</u>	<u>Spacing Standards</u>
a.	Real Estate Sign	12 sq. ft. 32 sq. ft. 200 sq. ft.	R-1 C and P and A	One of each platted lot or tract, and for acreage One for 200' of street or highway frontage
b.	Construction	64 sq. ft.	In all District (See Article 16)	One per Project
c.	Development Sign	400 sq. ft.	In all District	One per project or one for each 100 acres in project
d.	Bulletin Board Sign	18 sq. ft.	C and LI Districts	One on post of existing signs only

#### SECTION 4. MAXIMUM HEIGHT

In a non-residential district no sign shall be constructed to exceed the maximum building height permitted in the specific non-residential zoning district where the sign is located and in no case to exceed a height of fifty (50) feet above ground. In a residential zoning district no sign shall exceed 10 feet in height.

#### SECTION 5. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

No sign shall be located or constructed so as to interfere with or confuse the control of traffic on the public streets and no sign shall use a rotating beacon, beam or flashing illumination resembling an emergency signal.

#### SECTION 6. NONCONFORMING SIGNS

Any nonconforming sign which is damaged or is deteriorated to a point where its restoration cost exceeds 50 percent of its original value shall be removed.

#### SECTION 7. ILLUMINATED OR FLASHING SIGN

No sign, name plate or similar device located in a residential district or within one hundred (100) feet of a residential boundary shall be directly illuminated or of a flashing, intermittent or pulsating type.

#### SECTION 8. PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

No sign shall be erected so as to project into the public right-of-way or any street or alley.

#### SECTION 9. GENERAL REGULATIONS

No sign shall be erected within the required front yard or in front of the established building line, except the following signs:

- (a) In Light Industrial Zoning Districts along streets designated as thoroughfares on the City's Thoroughfare Plans one sign nor exceeding 80 square feet in area and thirty feet in height may be located in front of the established building line, however; no sign may be located within the required front yard unless specifically exempt by Sign Ordinance.
- (b) A pole sign not exceeding sixty (60) square feet in area may be located within the required front yard for gasoline service stations

in the C and LI Districts, provided such sign does not extend into the public street right-of-way.

- (c) Two directional signs not exceeding three square feet in area maximum height above grade not exceeding eighteen (18) inches in height containing only the company name and the words "exit," "entrance," or other traffic control directions and being a nonilluminated or low light intensity sign; may be erected within the required front yard provided it does not extend into the public street right-of-way.

#### SECTION 10. SIGN PANELS FOR ADVERTISING SIGNS

No advertising sign structure shall contain more than two (2) sign panels facing in the same direction.

#### SECTION 11. SEPARATION BETWEEN GROUND SUPPORTED SIGNS

All ground supported signs shall be separated by a fifty (50) feet separation.

#### SECTION 12. EXCEPTIONS

The Board Of Adjustment may grant an Exception to the requirements of this ordinance where the Board finds that the grant of the exception will not be contrary to the public interest and the spirit of this ordinance will be observed.

#### SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE

All parts of ordinances, inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. Ordinance 111 is hereby specifically repealed.

#### SECTION 14. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any article, paragraph or subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 15. SAVINGS CLAUSE

An offense committed before the effective date of this ordinance is governed by the prior law and ordinances, as amended, in effect when the offense was committed and the former law is continued for this purpose.

SECTION 16. PENALTY CLAUSE

Any person firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not to exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, and each day that a violation occurs or continues constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage and publication of the caption, as the law in such cases provides.

**DULY ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Lowry Crossing, Texas, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 19 2000.

APPROVED:

*L. T. O'Neal*  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Patricia Trancan*  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Lawrence W. Johnson*  
CITY ATTORNEY