

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY
AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES
TITLE 15: LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 154 ZONING CODE;
ZONING DESCRIPTIONS AND PERMITTED USE AND GENERAL
SIGN STANDARDS**

Whereas, the Elizabethtown Planning Commission held three public hearings on March 25, April 8, and May 13, 2025, in compliance with KRS 100 to consider amendments to the Elizabethtown Code of Ordinances, Title 15: Land Usage, Chapter 154 Zoning Code, Sections 154.059-060, 154.071, 154.207, 154.212, and 154.217 (Ordinance No. 06-2008, adopted June 16, 2008); and

Whereas, the Elizabethtown City Council has reviewed the transmittals from the Planning Commission, which includes the record of the hearings and the summaries of evidence, as required by KRS 100, and a recommendation for approval. Based on this information, the City Council has determined that the request to amend the official zoning text would be appropriate as the City Council finds the request to be in agreement with the City's Comprehensive Plan; and,

Whereas the Planning Commission developed findings of fact for the basis of their recommendation to amend the official zoning text and the City Council does incorporate said findings into this ordinance as support for the decision (Attachment A).

Whereas, the Elizabethtown Planning Commission has made a recommendation to amend the Elizabethtown Zoning Text Ordinance to modify text to include sign types and standards.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, that from and after the passage, approval, and publication of this Ordinance, the Code of Ordinances Title 15 Land Usage, Chapter 154 Zoning Code, Sections 154.059, 154.060, 154.071, 154.207, 154.212, and 154.217 in General Sign Standards is amended in part, as per Attachment B, which is

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incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED the Mayor of the City of Elizabethtown and/or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to perfect this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this Ordinance be published in summary form.

READ THE FIRST TIME, this 21st day of July 2025.

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 18th day of August 2025.

PUBLISHED August 22, 2025.



JEFFREY H. GREGORY, MAYOR

ATTESTED TO:



JESSICA J. GRAHAM, CITY CLERK

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ATTACHMENT A

PLANNING COMMISSION FINDINGS OF FACT

Zoning Docket No. 2025-PC-10

The Elizabethtown Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of zoning text amendments related to signs was based on the evidence and testimony presented to the Commission, and the following findings:

WHEREAS, the Elizabethtown Planning Commission (Commission) finds the proposed text amendment complies with the Envision Elizabethtown 2040 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that allowing internally illuminated signs will help promote high quality and diverse housing options for all residents by supporting the adequate supply of multiple housing types that aligns with forecasted housing demand and household incomes in Elizabethtown; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that limiting the location of off-premises signs and the frequency of electronic messages of message boards and adding a portion of US 62 and US 31W to the scenic parkway designation will promote the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Elizabethtown by promoting appropriate land use and redevelopment with high quality design by improving the aesthetics of new development through design guidelines that reinforce the character of each sub area, by advancing connectivity in the city and region through multiple transportation types by providing aesthetic enhancements along Elizabethtown's major corridors, gateways, and downtown that reinforce the city's character, by continuing to grow tourism through the development of community assets, parks, trails and programs by implementing enhanced gateway treatments and a wayfinding system throughout the city, and by investing in downtown by continuing to develop it as a destination by maintaining the historic character of downtown and the adjacent properties to downtown.

RESOLVED, that the Elizabethtown Planning Commission does hereby **RECOMMEND** to the Elizabethtown City Council that the amendments to the zoning ordinance related to signs be **APPROVED**.

The vote was as follows:

YES: Commissioners Rice, Dozer, McCrary, Young, and Souleyrette

NO: No one

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2025**ATTACHMENT B****2025-PC-10****Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments****§ 154.059 R-5 URBAN RESIDENTIAL MIXED (G) SIGNS**

(G) *Signs, R-5 Zone.* Additional information and standards for signs as well as specific requirements are found in §§ [154.205](#) through [154.217](#).

R-5 Signs							
Use	Allowed Types	Maximum Number	Maximum Sign Area	Maximum Height	Location Requirements	Lighting Allowed	Additional Requirements
Single-Family Attached, two-family, Multifamily identification	Monument Pole	2/entrance	32 sq. ft.	10 ft.	To be approved by Engineering Department	[External] <u>Yes</u>	Walls and fences permitted as part of overall sign design; pole must contain multiple poles

§ 154.060 R-6 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (G) Signs

(G) *Signs, R-6 Zone.* Additional information and standards for signs as well as specific requirements are found in §§ [154.205](#) through [154.217](#).

R-6 Signs							
Use	Allowed Types	Maximum Number	Maximum Sign Area	Maximum Height	Location Requirements	Lighting Allowed	Additional Requirements
Single-Family Attached, two-family, Multifamily identification	Monument Pole	2/entrance	32 sq. ft.	10 ft.	To be approved by Engineering Department	[External] <u>Yes</u>	Walls and fences permitted as part of overall sign design; pole must contain multiple poles

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§ 154.071 WCD-1, WCD-2 WOODLAND CORRIDOR DISTRICT (G) Signs

(G) *Signs, WCD Zone.* Additional information and standards for signs as well as specific requirements are found in §§ [154.205](#) through [154.217](#).

WCD Signs							
Use	Allowed Types	Maximum Number	Maximum Sign Area	Maximum Height	Location Requirements	Lighting Allowed	Additional Requirements
Single-family Attached, Two- family, Multi- family Identification	Monument	2/entrance	32 sq. ft.	15 ft.	To be approved by Engineering Department	[External] <u>Yes</u>	Walls and fences permitted as part of overall sign design

§ 154.212 SCENIC PARKWAY SIGNAGE.

It is the intent of this regulation to implement the goals of the comprehensive plan through the recognition that certain entryways/roadways to the city are determined to be scenic in nature and therefore should be protected from visual blight from excessive signage. To meet this community concern, no off-premises signs shall be permitted along a designated scenic parkway. Scenic parkways include Veterans Way, KY 3005 (Ring Road), KY 61 (Lincoln Parkway) ~~and~~ KY 361 (~~E2RC~~ Patriot Parkway), US 31W between Miles Street and New Glendale Road, and US 62 between Ring Road (near I-65 exit 94) and College Street Road.

§ 154.207 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(N) All residential signs may be externally illuminated only; except as expressly permitted within the zoning district regulations.

(Q) Additional provisions for message boards

(1) No more than one message board may be permitted on a property.

(2) Message boards may be electronic or manual copy change.

(3) Message boards must be accompanied by a permanent business identification sign if on a freestanding pole or monument sign.

- 1. No closer than 2,000 ft. from any other off-premises sign as measured along the near curbside of any adjacent street in either direction from the sign**
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- 2. No closer than ~~[250]~~ 2,000 ft. from any other such sign as measured from a point across the street from the sign along the opposite curbside in either direction**

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3. For signs located at intersections, the measurements of requirements 1. and 2. above apply to both intersecting streets, regardless of sign face orientation

~~[4. No closer than 500 ft. from any residential zone, measured along either side of the street]~~

5. No closer than ~~[400]~~ 500 ft. from any residential zone as measured in a radius from the sign