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(Jasper, Indiana) – In response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Mayor Dean Vonderheide signed an Executive Order suspending enforcement of certain local municipal code sections pertaining to signage and parking and otherwise permitting outdoor seating and merchandise display for local businesses allowing commercial establishments to operate in a manner that promotes social distancing and complies with previous executive orders and the governor's plan to reopen Indiana's economy, including the local economy, the enforcement of any municipal code, ordinance, resolution or regulation that conflicts with the following established goals of this Order is suspended through August 31, 2020.

TEMPORARY ENFORCEMENT CHANGES

SANDWICH BOARD SIGNS: Sandwich Board Signs, which shall be limited to one sign displayed on any premises used for business purposes, so long as:

- a. The sign does not exceed four (4) feet in height, two (2) feet in width or eight (8) square feet in area; and
- b. The sign is not illuminated.

The restriction, requiring that sandwich board signs be located within 10 feet of the main entrance of the business for which it is established shall NOT be enforced.

PENNANTS: Pennants shall be allowed so long as they do not extend into a public way. The restriction that Pennants may be used no more than 30 days during any 3-month period shall not be enforced. Also, the restriction prohibiting pennants from being used in conjunction with banners or other exempt signage shall not be enforced.

BANNERS: Banners for commercial uses only, shall be allowed so long as:

1. They do not extend into a public way;
2. They do not exceed one per property, or one per business (where more than one business is located on a property);
3. They do not exceed 45 square feet in face area; and

Previous restrictions limiting use of Banners to no more than 14 days during any 2-month period, shall not be enforced. In addition, up to three (3) yard signs, not larger than two foot by two foot (2' x 2') each, may be used in lieu of a banner, but not in combination with a banner.

PROHIBITED SIGNS: The following types of signs that are ordinarily “Prohibited” shall be allowed:

“Portable Signs” and 10 “Inflatable signs, characters, feather banners and the like”

However, such signs must comply with the following restrictions:

1. They may not extend into public way; and
2. They may not exceed one per property, or one per business (where more than one business is located on a property).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this executive order shall be deemed to permit signage to be located in the right-of-way or to be displayed in a manner that would negatively affect visibility of traffic or otherwise cause a safety concern.

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