

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-18

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, BEING ORDINANCE NO. 13-1976, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BIG BOX RETAILERS AND LIMITING POLITICAL SIGNAGE SIZES IN RESIDENTIALLY ZONED AREAS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, did on or about the 21st day of December, 1976, adopt a Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance being Ordinance No. 13-1976; and

WHEREAS, Section 506 of Article V of said zoning ordinance provides for Additional District Provisions including Signs and Outdoor Advertising; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance has been amended from time to time as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocean Springs has heretofore determined that changes to the sign regulations for Commercial and Industrial Districts and Exempt Signs are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, follows, to-wit:

SECTION 1.

Section 506.1 is amended by adding the following definition:

506.1 Definitions.

Big Box Retailer: A commercial retail establishment planned and designed with common parking or using a common name, or both, and the total building square footage is one hundred twenty five thousand (125,000) square feet or greater. A big box retailer shall allow only one (1) occupant to have direct exterior access.

SECTION 2.

Section 506.8 (2) is amended by adding regulations for Big Box Retailers in new subsection (g):

506.8 Signs permitted in commercial and industrial districts.

(2)(g) Big Box Retailer (no minimum linear Highway 90 or Highway 57 frontage requirement provided the big box retailer is addressed off of Highway 90 or Highway 57):

- (i) One (1) free standing, on-site sign shall be permitted, provided the sign is located on the Highway 90 or Highway 57 frontage.
- (ii) Free standing signage shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height.
- (iii) Free standing signage area shall not exceed one hundred twenty five (125) square feet.
- (iv) One (1) main wall sign shall be permitted for an area not to exceed two hundred (200) square feet.
- (v) Secondary / directional wall signage shall be permitted for an area not to exceed fifty (50) square feet per piece, not to exceed ten (10) individual pieces.
- (vi) Total big box retailer wall signage, including main signage and secondary / directional wall signage shall be permitted for an area not to exceed three hundred (300) square feet.

SECTION 3.

Section 506.2 (3) is amended by adding size limitations for political signage to be erected upon any and all residentially zoned land:

506.2 Exempt signs.

(3) Any political sign erected on a site by the owner or with the owner consent, provided that any such sign shall not be erected more than ninety (90) days before the election or referendum it pertains to or, if a series thereof, the first of such, and provided further that it shall be removed within (5) days after such election or referendum, or, if a series thereof, after the last of which the message of the sign pertains to provided further that any such sign to be erected on residentially zoned land shall not be larger than eighteen (18) by twenty four (24) inches.

SECTION 4. That, except as amended or modified hereby, such zoning ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. That upon adoption, the City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be recorded in the Book of Ordinances of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and published in the manner prescribed by law.

The above Ordinance having been first reduced to writing, the vote was follows:

Alderman Ross	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Gill	<u>Not Voting; Acting Mayor Pro Tem</u>
Alderman McDonnell	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Cody	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Denyer	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Dalgo	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Hagan	<u>Voting Aye</u>

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the City of
Ocean Springs, Mississippi, on this the **20th** day of **September**, 2011.

/s/ Connie Moran
MAYOR

/s/ Shelly Ferguson
CITY CLERK