

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING OBSTRUCTIONS UPON STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PARKING STRIPS, AND LIMITING AND ESTABLISHING PERMITS FOR COMMERCIAL SIGNS, AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS:

Section 1: It shall be unlawful to construct, erect or maintain, or to permit the construction, erection or maintenance of any mail box, newspaper box or other structure or container or obstruction upon or over any street, sidewalk or parking strip in the Town of Granite Falls.

Section 2: It shall be unlawful to construct, erect, maintain or permit the construction, erection or maintenance of any obstruction to the view of vehicular traffic or any obstruction to pedestrian traffic upon or over any street, sidewalk or parking strip in the Town of Granite Falls except as hereinafter provided.

Section 3: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, move or convert any sign, billboard, banner or other advertising device without first obtaining a permit from the Town Council and making payment of a permit fee of five dollars (\$5.00) or cause or permit the same to be done contrary to this Ordinance.

(a) Signs and advertising devices shall be attached and wholly supported by a building or other support situated wholly off of the sidewalk, street, parking strip, or other public property.

(b) The lower edge of any sign or advertising device extending over any public property, sidewalk, street or parking strip shall be at least ten feet (10') above the level of the sidewalk or fourteen feet (14') above any other public property, or such other height as may be required for public safety.

(c) All such signs and advertising devices shall be of appropriate size, color, lighting and content as to blend with and maintain the nature and enjoyment of the surrounding area in which it is placed.

(d) Council may, by resolution upon written application, grant a variance from the terms hereof respecting the height of signs, but such variance shall only be for signs now existing, and in no event shall such variance exceed three feet (3').

Section 4: All persons now maintaining mail boxes or newspaper boxes or signs, billboards or other advertising devices or structures or obstructions herein prohibited shall have a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Ordinance in which to either remove said items or make the same to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance, and upon failure so to do shall be then be deemed in violation of this Ordinance.

Section 5: The Council may, upon written application, grant a temporary franchise for construction or erection or maintenance of signs, banners or other means of advertising of general public events for general public purposes.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall not repeal any existing ordinances but shall be construed with existing ordinances.

Section 7: Violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor, and upon conviction punished by fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300). Each day any such violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 8: The term "parking strip" shall have its usual and ordinary meaning as being the land situate between the sidewalk and street curb or between the sidewalk and the traveled portion of the street in the event there is no curb. Where there is no sidewalk, the parking strip shall be deemed that land between the boundary of private property and the curb or other street edge.

Section 9: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and posting as required by law.

Passed and approved this 13 day of April, 1977.

EUGENE DAY, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ilene Larson
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Town Clerk