

**ORDINANCE NO. 27,213**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 26,451 TO EXTEND THE 905-DAY MORATORIUM TO A 1085-DAY MORATORIUM EFFECTIVE FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2022 TO MAY 17, 2023 OR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF A REVISED SIGN CODE, WHICHEVER IS SOONER, ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS AND SIMPLIFIED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS THAT WOULD ALLOW CONSTRUCTION ON, OR USE OF, PROPERTY WITHIN OKLAHOMA CITY FOR FREESTANDING SIGNS WITH A DISPLAY SURFACE AREA OVER 200 SQUARE FEET AND ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR AND ISSUANCE OF ELECTRICAL, BUILDING OR SIGN PERMITS FOR FREESTANDING SIGNS OVER 200 SQUARE FEET ASSOCIATED WITH REZONING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED DURING THE MORATORIUM; PROVIDING AN APPEAL PROCESS; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, on May 26, 2020, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 26,451 declaring a moratorium on the acceptance of certain rezoning applications and certain electrical, sign and building permits, which later was extended for a period of 905 days to address the proliferation of applications to request a billboard in a zoning district where it would otherwise be prohibited; and

**WHEREAS**, this temporary moratorium applies to the acceptance of applications for Planned Unit Developments (PUDs), Simplified Planned Unit Developments (SPUDs), and the issuance of any electrical permit, sign permit or building permit, for new freestanding signs over 200 square feet in areas associated with a rezoning application submitted during the moratorium; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the intent of PlanOKC and Chapters 3 and 59 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of Oklahoma City, and to allow for the holding of public hearings, and adoption of a revised permanent sign ordinance, it is necessary and advisable to extend the temporary moratorium on

the acceptance of new re-zoning applications for Planned Unit Developments, and Simplified Planned Unit Developments, or the issuance of any electrical, building or sign permits associated with any rezoning application that was submitted during the moratorium that would allow construction of or use of property for new freestanding signs with a surface display over 200 square feet from November 19, 2022 to May 17, 2023 (905 days to 1,085 days); and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired that the moratorium adopted under Ordinance No. 26,451 be extended to May 17, 2023, while the sign code amendment is being presented and considered for adoption.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY:**

**Section 6 of Ordinance 26,451 is amended as follows:**

**Section 6.** This Moratorium shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in full force and effect for the shorter of ~~905~~ 1,085 days or the effective date of a revised sign code, after which it shall automatically expire and be null and void, provided that the expiration date of the Moratorium may be modified by the enactment of a subsequent ordinance of The City of Oklahoma City.

An emergency is hereby declared to exist for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare by reason whereof this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, approval, and publication.

**INTRODUCED AND READ** in the open meeting of the Council of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 22nd day of November, 2022.

**PASSED** by the Council of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 22nd day of November, 2022.

**SIGNED** by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 22nd day of  
November, 2022.

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY**

**ATTEST:**

Amy K. Simpson  
City Clerk



David Holt  
MAYOR

**REVIEWED** for form and legality.

Susan Randall  
Assistant Municipal Counselor