

HARRIS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Public Hearings to be held Tuesday, October 2, 2012, beginning at 7:30 PM

Appendix A - Zoning

Festival, Agricultural/Educational

Purpose: to allow agricultural/educational festivals to take place in A-1 zoning district

Add to Zoning Matrix (Article IV, Section 2) as item #60.1: no special use regulations, one parking place for every 300 square feet of floor acre, and only in A-1 zoning district with a special use permit;

Add to Zoning Definitions (Article II): Festival, Agricultural/Educational - An event which centers on and celebrates some unique aspect of the community such as strawberry, blueberry or butterfly festival, but does not include carnivals. A festival is limited to three (3) days in duration and not more than three (3) festivals in a calendar year on the same parcel and/or under the same ownership/applicant (person or entity). A detailed operational plan must be submitted with the special use permit application stating the type of festival, the type and number of vendors, the hours of operation, a scaled-drawing showing the location of the event and the parking areas, and any other information deemed pertinent.

Produce Stand

Purpose: to allow seasonal produce stands in certain zoning districts

Add to Zoning Matrix (Article IV, Section 2) as item #120.1: no special use regulations, no off-street parking requirements, and allowed in zoning districts A-1, C-3 and C-4;

Add to Zoning Definitions (Article II): Produce Stand - A seasonal structure not exceeding 500 square feet in which fruits and vegetables are made available for purchase by consumers.

Signs, Variable Message Advertising Devices

Purpose: to reduce time frame in which message change be changed

Current Zoning Definition (Article II): Any outdoor sign, notice or advertising device in which the message is changed by electronic process or remote control, including, but not limited to, rotating cubes, rotating vertical triangular slats, turning lights off and on, remote numeric display and scrolling message is excluded from and shall not be allowed in Harris County as a sign for off premises or on premises use except that those variable electronic message signs on which the message or price is not changed more than once every eight hours and do not otherwise scroll, blink, roll, rotate or otherwise change are permitted.

Amend Definition: Delete "eight hours" and replace with "ninety (90) seconds"

Chapter 6 - Taxation, Licenses & Business Regulations

Article IV - Signs Near Interstate Highways

Section 6-83 - Prohibited Signs, Subsection (h)

Purpose: to reduce time frame in which message change be changed

Current (h): Any outdoor sign, notice or advertising device in which the message is changed by electronic process or remote control, including, but not limited to, rotating cubes, rotating vertical triangular slats, turning lights off and on, remote numeric display and scrolling is prohibited. A variable electronic message sign on which the message or price is not changed more than once every eight hours and does not otherwise scroll, blink, roll, rotate or otherwise change shall be permitted.

Amend Definition: Delete "eight hours" and replace with "ninety (90) seconds"