

## ORDINANCE NO. 1718

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19.32 OF THE COUNTY MUNICIPAL CODE, SIGN REGULATIONS, BY ADDING PROVISIONS TO ALLOW AND REGULATE TEMPORARY OFF-SITE DIRECTIONAL SIGNS FOR BUSINESSES IN TIMES OF ECONOMIC DECLINE

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador ordains as follows:

### SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this amendment is to recognize the need for temporary off-site directional signage for businesses in times of economic decline.

SECTION 2. Chapter 19.32 of the Amador County Code is hereby amended by adding the following new Section N:

#### CHAPTER 19.32.010 SIGN REGULATIONS

N. Temporary Directional Signs shall only be allowed, with an approved Staff Issued Permit, when the Amador County Board of Supervisors declares an economic need. The following provisions shall govern all temporary directional signs:

1. Signs shall be subject to the following:
  - a. The term of the sign permit shall be for a period of one (1) year or not to exceed the term of this code, whichever is shorter. Sign permits may be renewed;
  - b. One sign per parcel with up to five (5) businesses per face – sign may be two sided;
  - c. Maximum of two (2) signs per business with a minimum distance of 500 feet between another sign subject to this section;
  - d. Parcel(s) must be zoned C or M and sign location may be no more than a ½ mile from the business(es) location(s);
  - e. Maximum sign size is four (4) feet by four (feet) for signs displaying multiple businesses; and a maximum of two (2) feet by three (3) feet for signs displaying one business; acceptable sign types: sandwich board or board type signs;
  - f. Sign may not be illuminated, and shall be limited to the name of the business and/or type of business, hours of operation (if desired), and Use Permit ID number, with clear and legible directions (no advertising allowed on sign);
  - g. The size, height, location, and general appearance of signs shall be in harmony with general area, and not constitute a hazard to vehicle or pedestrian traffic; (no reflective paint or tape allowed on sign); signs will consist primarily of earth-tone colors;

- h. All signs shall observe the building setback regulations for the property on which located and shall be no higher than the highest point of the roof line of the building located on the premises, or thirty feet, whichever is lower;
- i. All signs shall be maintained in good condition including maintenance of colors and materials, replacement of defective parts, painted, cleaned, and kept free of graffiti and weeds. Any portions of a sign in need of repair shall be repaired or contracted for repair within thirty days of notification by the enforcement officer; and
- j. If sign(s) become(s) a nuisance or safety hazard, the County may remove the sign immediately.

2. Any business(es) who wishes to construct a temporary directional sign shall file an application with the planning department, shall pay the required fee, and provide a plot plan of the property(ies) showing the proposed location of the sign(s) and graphic representation of the sign showing the design, dimensions, height. The planning department shall hold the application for ten days after it is received and accepted as complete, and shall upon receipt of a complete application mail out a notice describing the proposed sign location and design to all owners of property, as shown on the most recent available tax roll, within a distance of 300 feet in all directions from the subject parcel. If the planning department receives opposition to the permit application within ten days after the mailout, the planning department may deny the permit. The applicant or any interested person may appeal the planning department's decision pursuant to Chapter 19.64 of this title within ten days after the planning department's determination on the permit application.

3. These regulations shall remain in effect only until January 10, 2014 unless the Board of Supervisors declares the economic need for temporary directional signs continue to exist. A continued economic need shall be presumed to exist if the Amador County Sales and Use Tax Revenue is less than one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000).

### SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, unlawful or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed and adopted this Ordinance and each and all provisions thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more of said provisions be declared unconstitutional, unlawful or otherwise invalid.

SECTION 4. This ordinance or a summary thereof shall be published in the manner prescribed in Government Code Section 25124 and shall become effective upon recordation of the final map.


The foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted at a regular session of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Richard M. Forster, Brian Oneto, Louis D. Boitano, Theodore F. Novelli  
and John Plasse  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

  
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CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,  
California

  
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Deputy