Ordinance #O.25.01

An Ordinance **AMENDING SECTION 154.804 – PROHIBITED SIGNS AND SECTION 154.015 – DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 154.810 – SIGNS REQUIRING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALENA.**

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Galena on this 24th Day of February 2025.

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the City Council of the City of Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, this 24th Day of February 2025.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) City of Galena
COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS)

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary Beth Hyde, certify that I am the duly elected municipal clerk of the City of Galena, JoDaviess County, Illinois.

I further certify that on the 24th Day of February 2025, the Corporate Authorities of said municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. O.25.01 entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 154.804 – PROHIBITED SIGNS AND SECTION 154.015 – DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 154.810 – SIGNS REQUIRING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GALENA,** which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. O.25.01 including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing the 25th Day of February 2025 and commencing for at least ten (10) days thereafter.

Dated at Galena, Illinois, this 25th Day of February 2025.

Mary Beth Hyde

Mary Beth Hyde, City Clerk

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BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION I: Section §154.015 – Definitions of the City of Galena Zoning Code, is hereby amended as follows

- (*Additions are shown as underlined*)

Section §154.015 - Definitions

Sign, Message Board:
A board or sign on which changeable messages or notices are displayed.

Sign, Electronic Message:
A sign that displays digital messages that may be presented at intermittent intervals by an electronic process.

NITs:
A measure of luminance measuring how much light an object emits. One NIT is equivalent to one candela per square meter or 3.126 Lumens.

SECTION II: Section §154.804 – Prohibited Signs, is hereby amended as follows

- (*Deletions are Strikethrough*)

~~(22) Except where explicitly allowed elsewhere in this chapter, message boards with changeable letters and messages, including electronic message signs.~~

SECTION III: Table 154.810 – Signs Requiring a Special Use Permit, is hereby amended as follows:

- *(Additions are shown as underlined)*

(C)Message boards with changeable letters and messages, including electronic message signs (special use required)

(1)Unless explicitly allowed elsewhere in this chapter, message boards with changeable letters and messages, including electronic message signs shall be permitted by special use and shall comply with the following limitations.

(a) Message signs shall only be erected by public entities that provide public emergency services.

(b)Message signs shall only be located outside of the historic district.

(c) Message signs are limited to use on an approved freestanding sign and shall be integrated into the overall sign face.

(d) Message signs shall not exceed 20 square feet in size and shall not exceed 10 feet in any direction. The area of sign shall not exceed one-third of the total sign area of the freestanding sign face.

(e) No more than one message sign shall be permitted per taxing body or parcel.

(f) All electronic message signs shall be turned off or otherwise non-operational from 11:00 pm until 6:00 am or after business hours, whichever is later.

(g) Light sensors are required to adjust brightness based on ambient conditions. Message signs must operate at a maximum of 7500 NITs during daytime hours and at a maximum of 700 NITs during nighttime hours.

(h) The electronic message display must be programmed so it does not change more frequently than once every five seconds, and the message change occurs instantaneously, without use of scrolling, flashing, fading, blinking, or other similar transitions. The sign shall contain static messages only, changed only through dissolve or fade transitions, but that may otherwise not have movement, or the appearance or optical illusion of movement varying light intensity, of any part of the sign, design or pictorial segment of the sign. The change of message using dissolve or fade transition shall not exceed one second of time between each message displayed on the board.

(i) Colors and design must be sympathetic with the aesthetic qualities of the city and the surrounding zoning districts in which the message signs are located.

(j) No advertising and only content related to the functions of the taxing body shall be permitted on message signs.

(k) Once approved, no modifications of any kind, other than routine maintenance, can be made to a message sign without Zoning Board of Appeals approval

SECTION IV: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION V: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect within ten (10) days of its passage and legal publication in pamphlet form.

SECTION IX: Passed on the 24th day of February, A.D., 2024, in open Council.

AYES: Westemeier, Wienen, Behlke, Johnson, Kieffer, Tegtmeyer, Renner

NAYS: None

ATTEST:

Terry Renner
TERRY RENNER, MAYOR

Mary Beth Hyde
MARY BETH HYDE, CITY CLERK