

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE,
TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 12
“PLANNING AND ZONING” SECTION 12.401 “AMENDMENTS TO ZONING
ORDINANCE OR ZONING MAP” BY ADDING SUBSECTION (7) REQUIRING
APPLICANTS FOR A ZONING AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE, MAINTAIN,
AND PAY FOR A NOTICE SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION;
PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING OF NOTICE OF REQUESTED
ZONING AMENDMENT SIGNS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN
CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH
CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A
PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHER
MATTERS**

WHEREAS, during the 89th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed, House Bill 24 to require a notice sign on property for which a zoning amendment (re-zoning) is requested; and

WHEREAS, House bill 24 became effective September 1, 2025 and permits cities to require applicants for a zoning amendment of property to provide, maintain, and pay for a notice sign; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to comply with State law concerning the posting of notice signage for property being considered for a zoning amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that the posting of notice signage for properties requesting a zoning amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Master Plan and promotes the public health, safety and welfare; now, therefore

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE,
TEXAS:**

Section 1. That, the City of Orange Code of Ordinances Chapter 12 “Planning and Zoning” Section 12.401 “Amendments to Zoning Ordinance or Zoning Map” is hereby amended to add subsection (7) to read as follows:

(7) Required signage. Any applicant filing an application for a zoning amendment as required by this Section shall provide, maintain, and pay for one notice sign and install the notice sign on the property or properties being considered for zoning amendment no later than the 10th day before the date the Planning and Zoning Commission holds a public hearing on the proposed amendment and shall remain on the property until the date of a final determination on the proposed amendment by the City Council. The notice sign shall be at least twenty-four inches (24”) long and forty-eight inches (48”) wide and shall be maintained so as to be soundly constructed and legible to passing motorists. The sign shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

(a) in large bold letters and in all capital letters no smaller than one-and-a-half inches (1.5") in height "ZONING AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING".

(b) in bold letters no smaller than one inch (1") in height what the current zoning district is and what zoning district is being requested.

(c) in letters no smaller than one inch (1") in height the time, date, and location of the public hearing.

(d) in letters no smaller than one inch (1") in height, a statement that information is available on the City's website orangetexas.gov at least three business days prior to the public hearing date.

(e) in letters no smaller than one inch (1") in height, a statement that for more information, call the Planning and Community Development Department at 409-883-1034.

Section 2. That, all Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be repealed to the extent of such conflict and all other Ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. It is expressly ordained that if any section, subsection, clause, sentence or paragraph of this ordinance shall be found to be illegal, invalid or void by any court of competent jurisdiction, then such findings shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, but the same shall be valid and in effect, it being the expressed intention of the City Council of the City of Orange, Texas, to pass each and every sentence, clause, paragraph, or section individually.

Section 4. That, any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in an amount not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by the City of Orange Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 "General Provisions" Section 1.106 "General Penalty for Code Violations" of the City of Orange Code of Ordinances.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon second and final reading and publication as required by the City Charter and State law

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading this the 14th day of October, 2025.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on final reading this the 28th day of October, 2025.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Larry Spears Jr.", written in dark ink over a horizontal line.

Larry Spears Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Patricia Anderson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

MEMORANDUM

To: Michael Kunst, City Manager

From: Kelvin Knauf, Director of Planning and Community Development

Subject: Consider a recommendation to the City Council on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 12 "Planning and Zoning" Section 12.401 "Amendments to Zoning Ordinance or Zoning Map" by adding Subsection (7) requiring applicants for a zoning amendment (re-zoning) to provide, maintain, and pay for a notice sign

Date: October 16, 2025

Attached for your consideration is a draft ordinance that complies with a new State law that a sign be posted on property for which a re-zoning is requested; that the person requesting the re-zoning be required to provide, maintain and pay for the sign; the size requirement for the sign; and the duration period for the sign. The draft ordinance also goes beyond the State law to require the following:

- Requires the words "ZONING AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING" in bold capital letters no smaller than 1.5" in height;
- Requires stating what the current zoning district is and what zoning district is being requested in bold letters no smaller than 1" in height;
- Requires the time, date, and location of the public hearing in letters no smaller than 1" in height;
- Requires a statement that information is available on the City's website orangetexas.gov at least three business days prior to the public hearing date in letters no smaller than 1" in height; and
- Requires a statement that for more information, call the Planning and Community Development Department at 409-883-1034 in letters no smaller than 1" in height.

This ordinance was approved on first reading on October 14, 2025.