

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX-A ZONING; ARTICLE XXXIX SIGN CODE, SECTION 39.8 SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR WINDOW SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR AMORTIZATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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**SECTION 1:** The Code of the City of Margate, Florida, Appendix-A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign Code Section 39.8 Supplemental regulations is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 39.8. - Supplemental regulations.**

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(G) *Window signs:* The total area of all window signs (interior, exterior and illuminated) may be no greater than fifty (50) per cent of the total window area of each frontage, including glass doors per window.

(1) *Interior window signs.*

(a) Located within ten (10) feet of the window;

~~(b) Shall be professionally drawn or constructed;~~

~~(c) May be a maximum of five (5) colors;~~

~~(b~~d~~)~~ Shall be nonilluminated;

~~(c) Letters must be no more than eight (8) inches in height;~~

<sup>1</sup>CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ text are deletions from existing text, words in underscored text are additions to existing text, and **shaded** text are changes between First and Second Readings.

~~(f) No flashing or strobe lights are permitted.~~

(2) *Exterior window signs:*

(a) Signs must be constructed from vinyl and ~~may feature letters no greater than twelve (12) inches in height;~~

~~(b) Logos may be five (5) colors and a maximum of four (4) square feet;~~

~~(c) Said signs shall not state any price;~~

~~(b)~~ (d) Signs shall not be applied to or cover any divider between individual panels in a window;

~~(e) Signs shall be kept in a condition that will maintain their original aesthetic appearance.~~

(3) *Illuminated window signs:*

(a) Two (2) ~~One (1)~~ illuminated (including neon) signs may be permitted ~~per bay per occupied business premises.~~ Signs shall be installed inside of the occupied business premises frontage, with the number of bays being determined by the number of water meters on record for any subject property;

(b) Each ~~The sign(s)~~ shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area;

~~(c) A maximum of five (5) colors are permitted on the sign;~~

~~(d) Letters shall be no greater than twelve (12) inches in height;~~

~~(c)~~ (e) The total area of signs in the window shall not exceed twenty-five (25) per cent of the total window area per window.

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2 (d) No flashing or strobe illumination is  
3 permitted.

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5 (e) Illuminated window signs that are not battery  
6 operated must have a permanent power source  
7 that has been professionally installed and  
8 permitted by the Margate Building Department.

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10 ~~(f) In addition, one (1) illuminated sign that~~  
11 ~~reads "open" may be permitted per bay per~~  
12 ~~frontage, provided that,~~

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14 ~~(i) The sign does not exceed four (4)~~  
15 ~~square feet in area;~~

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17 ~~(ii) The sign has a maximum of five (5)~~  
18 ~~colors;~~

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20 ~~(iii) The letters are no greater than~~  
21 ~~twelve (12) inches in height;~~

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23 ~~(iv) The total area of signs in the window~~  
24 ~~does not exceed twenty-five (25) per~~  
25 ~~cent of the total window area per~~  
26 ~~window;~~

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28 ~~(v) No flashing or strobe illumination is~~  
29 ~~permitted. The installation and~~  
30 ~~display of an illuminated window sign~~  
31 ~~shall require a permit to insure~~  
32 ~~compliance with the South Florida~~  
33 ~~Building Code and any other~~  
34 ~~applicable codes.~~

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36 ~~(4) [Year round provisions.] Window lighting. Any n~~Neon,  
37 LED, rope lighting, window outlining or other  
38 similar lighting devices are not permitted year  
39 round unless otherwise noted when professionally  
40 installed inside of a business. Said lighting shall  
41 not count toward limitations of window sign area.

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43 (5) Window transparency. Sunscreening material, such as  
44 tint or film, may be applied to non-residential

1 windows and glass doors, subject to the following  
2 limitations:

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4 (a) No sunscreening material may be applied to  
5 windows and glass doors at convenience stores and  
6 any business offering massage services that has the  
7 effect of making said windows or glass doors  
8 nontransparent. Sunscreening material(s) shall be  
9 limited to the solar reflectance and light  
10 transmittance limitations provided in Florida  
11 Statute 316.2953, as amended; and

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13 (b) Sunscreening material shall not count toward  
14 window sign coverage, unless said material displays  
15 lettering or images.  
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18 [Note to Municipal Code: The rest of this section shall  
19 remain as codified.]

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21 **SECTION 2:** The Code of the City of Margate, Florida,  
22 Appendix-A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign Code Section 39.14  
23 Legal nonconforming signs, nonconforming signs, abandoned  
24 signs, is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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26 **Section 39.14.** - Legal nonconforming signs, nonconforming  
27 signs, abandoned signs.  
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30 (D) Amortization. Window signs which are found to be non-  
31 conforming to this article shall be altered to conform  
32 to the provisions of these regulations no later than  
33 August 7, 2018.  
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35 [Note to Municipal Code: The rest of this section shall  
36 remain as codified.]

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38 **SECTION 3:** The Code of the City of Margate, Florida,  
39 Appendix-A Zoning, Article XXXIX Sign Code Section 39.16  
40 Signs exempt from permit requirements, is hereby amended to  
41 read as follows:  
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1 **Section 39.16 - Signs exempt from permit requirements.**  
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3 (A) The following signs shall be exempt from permit  
4 requirements of this section:  
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6 (1) Signs required by federal, state, county and/or  
7 municipal agencies.  
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9 (2) Temporary window signs. Window signs that are  
10 permanently applied or affixed to a window, such  
11 as vinyl lettering or decals, require a permit.  
12 ~~(except illuminated window signs as provided for~~  
13 ~~in section 39.8(C) (3)).~~  
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15 (3) Up to five (5) temporary and single-purpose  
16 signs, not exceeding six (6) square feet on any  
17 residentially zoned property.  
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19 (4) Flags allowed under this Code. Flag poles  
20 require a permit.  
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22 (5) Nameplate, and building address signs.  
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24 (6) Tablets, such as memorials, cornerstones, date of  
25 erection, when built into the walls of a  
26 building.  
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28 (7) Professionally drawn or constructed general  
29 information signs, such as trespass signs,  
30 private driveway, and no dumping, when such signs  
31 do not exceed four (4) square feet in area each,  
32 are not illuminated, and do not project over a  
33 public right-of-way provided total number of  
34 signs on a property or in a complex will not  
35 exceed five (5), unless additional signs are  
36 required for compliance with state or federal  
37 regulations.  
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39 (8) Changing of copy in permitted changeable copy  
40 signs.  
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42 (9) Changing of directory listing in a permitted  
43 directory sign provided the size, style, and

color of the listing to be changed conforms with the existing lettering on the sign.

(10) Traffic regulatory signs with approval from city engineer.

(11) Special event signs and nonprofit sale signs as allowed in section 39.7(B)(7).

(12) Replacement tenant panels as provided in section 39.8(O).

(13) Promotional advertising banners. Permanent poles for banners require a permit.

(14) Car dealership signs as provided for in section 39.8(P).

(B) This exemption in no way waives the requirements of structural and/or safety requirements outlined by these regulations and/or the Florida Building Code.

**SECTION 4:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are and the same is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 5:** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 6:** It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City of Margate Code, and that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article" or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

**SECTION 7:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption at its second reading.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

PASSED ON SECOND READING THIS \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

ATTEST:

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JOSEPH KAVANAGH  
CITY CLERK

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MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ

RECORD OF VOTE - 1ST READING

RECORD OF VOTE - 2ND READING

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