

ORDINANCE NO. 336-2008

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1994-20
OF THE CITY OF SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA,
AS AMENDED, SIGN ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Paragraph 4 of Section 2.15 of Ordinance No. 1994-20, as amended by Ordinance No. 233-2005, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

4. Signs for Multiple-Occupancy Buildings or Complex Located Adjacent to Interstate 10.

Where a parcel of property is located in a business district in Zone 4 having at least 1,500 continuous feet of frontage along Interstate 10 upon which a single building or complex of buildings located on the subject property contains eight or more separate business establishments, one multiple listing ground sign shall be allowed to advertise or promote the businesses located on that parcel, or on related parcels located within a given financing district, planned unit development or other unified development project in which the subject property is located, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) The maximum height of the sign shall be eighty (80) feet above the natural ground level or grade level (see definition) to the top of the sign face, frame or supporting structure, whichever is higher.
- (b) The maximum width of the sign shall be forty (40) feet measured to the edge of the sign face, frame or supporting structure, whichever is wider.
- (c) The individual tenant signage placed on the sign shall not exceed five (5) feet in height and twenty-five (25) feet in width for a total of one hundred twenty-five (125) square feet for each tenant.
- (d) One standard sign board or one video or electronic sign board which shall not exceed five hundred (500) square feet of sign face shall be allowed on the multiple listing sign subject to the following requirements:
 - (1) The information contained on the sign shall be limited to advertising businesses or activities located on the subject premises or a related premises. A related premises is any property or business that is part of the same financing district, planned unit development or other unified development project as the premises on which the sign is located.
 - (2) Continuous or streaming video, flashing lights, flashing video or display of any physical

movement, including movement of borders, arrows, components, graphics or images appearing consecutively for less than eight (8) seconds shall be prohibited. All advertising on the video or electronic sign board shall utilize images that are kept at a constant video and light intensity for at least eight (8) seconds in duration.

- (3) The hours of operation for that portion of the sign devoted to video or electronic sign boards shall be from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. During the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. the video or electronic sign boards shall be turned off and shall not emit any light.
- (4) For video or electronic signs, the sign owner shall make at least 8.5 seconds of time during each 3 minute interval available to the City for public service announcements. In addition, in emergency situations as declared by the Mayor, the sign owner shall make the sign available for emergency notices such as Amber Alerts, evacuation notices, natural disasters, etc.
- (e) The multiple listing sign allowed pursuant to this section shall be constructed on the subject property within seventy-five (75) feet from the Interstate 10 right-of-way.
- (f) The aggregate surface area of said sign, including all tenant signage and video or electronic sign boards, shall not exceed 1,500 square feet on each side.
- (g) In addition, all signs shall be required to meet any applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations governing the placement of signs within or adjacent to state and federal right-of-ways.
- (h) No other ground sign shall be allowed or constructed on any portion of the subject property that has frontage on Interstate 10.

SECTION 2. Repealer Clause.

Any ordinance heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Spanish Fort, Alabama, which is in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. Except as expressly amended herein, all terms and provisions contained in Ordinance No. 1994-20, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Severability Clause.

If any part, section or subdivision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption or as otherwise required by state law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ *day of* _____, **2008.**

JOSEPH C. BONNER
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY LYNN WILLIAMS, CMC/AAE
CITY CLERK