

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-008**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "SIGNS AND ADVERTISING;" AMENDING ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "SIGNS" BY AMENDING DIVISION 1, ENTITLED "COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS"; AMENDING SECTION 21-17 ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS"; SECTION 21-19 ENTITLED "PROHIBITED SIGNS;" PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROHIBITION OF LED LIGHTING; AMENDING SECTION 21-20, ENTITLED "PERMANENT SIGNS," TO ALLOW LED LIGHTING ON WINDOWS AND DOORS ON PROPERTIES ENGAGING IN NONRESIDENTIAL USES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Code of Ordinances presently prohibits local businesses from displaying Led outlines of windows and doors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received numerous requests from local business owners to amend the Town's Code of Ordinances to permit local businesses to display LED lighting indicating that the business is open; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has determined that amending the Town's Code of Ordinances to allow local businesses to display an illuminated window sign is in the best interest of the residents of Pembroke Park because such changes can cause a positive economic impact to the Town's economy by helping ensure that local businesses stay open and more residents remain employed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the proposed amendments to the Town's Code at its May 30, 2024, meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission finds the amending the Town's sign code, as detailed

herein, is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE  
TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance.

**Section 2.** Chapter 21 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, entitled "Signs and Advertising," is amended by specifically amending Section 21-17 entitled "Definitions", under Article II entitled "Signs", Division 1 entitled "Comprehensive Regulations and Requirements" as follows:

**Sec.21-17. Definitions.**

The following words and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them below:

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*Window sign* means a sign located on a window or within a building or other enclosed structure which is visible from the exterior through a window or other openings. [window signs are] not permitted to be illuminated except as permitted in Section 21-20(3)(c).

**Section 3.** Chapter 21 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, entitled "Signs and Advertising," is amended by specifically amending Section 21-19 entitled "Prohibited Signs," under Article II entitled "Signs", Division 1 entitled "Comprehensive Regulations and Requirements" as follows:

**Sec.21-19 Prohibited signs**

The following are those signs which shall not be permitted within the municipal limits of the Town:

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(o) window signs, when illuminated; except for as permitted in Sec.21-20(3)(c).

**Section 4.** Chapter 21 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, entitled "Signs and Advertising," is amended by specifically amending Section 21-20 entitled "Permanent Signs," under Article II entitled "Signs", Division 1 entitled "Comprehensive Regulations and Requirements" as follows:

**Sec. 21-20 Permanent signs**

Only such permanent signs as are listed in this section shall be permitted to be erected or maintained upon any building lot, plot or parcel of land for the following types of land uses:

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(c) All nonresidential uses:

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3. Window/door signs

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c. Window/door signs, when illuminated with LED lights that border the window/door with the following criteria:

(a) Must face a major street;

(b) Rotating, animated, moving, flashing, strobe lighting are prohibited.

**Section 5.** It is the intention of the Town Commission of the Town of Pembroke Park that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Pembroke Park, Florida, and that the Sections of this ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section", "Article" or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

**Section 6.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 7.** If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Ordinance shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such

unconstitutional or invalid part or application shall be considered as eliminated and so not affecting the remaining portions or applications remaining in full force and effect.

**Section 8.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and adoption.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK, FLORIDA, ON THE FIRST READING, THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

**PASSED ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK, FLORIDA, ON THE SECOND AND FINAL READING, THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.**

ATTEST:

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ASHIRA MOHAMMED  
Mayor

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MARLEN D. MARTELL  
Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

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JACOB G. HOROWITZ  
Town Attorney

VOTE

ASHIRA MOHAMMED

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