

**TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO,
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REPEALING AND
AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF SECTION 7-3-12 OF
THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY MUNICIPAL CODE
CONCERNING MASTER SIGN PLANS WITHIN THE
TOWN OF RIDGWAY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway (the "Town"), is a duly organized and existing home rule municipality of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 3-8(A) of the Charter of the Town of Ridgway, Colorado, an ordinance may be passed as an emergency ordinance when the Council determines that the ordinance is necessary to the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and includes such declaration within the ordinance, and is adopted by the affirmative vote of six members of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 3-8(B) of the Charter of the Town of Ridgway, emergency ordinances shall take effect upon adoption by the Council and shall be published by title thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway Municipal Code (the "Code") contains certain sign regulations further enumerated under Section 7-3-12, Sign Regulations; and

WHEREAS, to the extent an applicant wishes to erect a sign or a series of signs in excess of what is allowed under the Sign Regulations, an applicant may apply for a Master Sign Plan in accordance with Section 7-3-12(J) of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council supports the efforts of local businesses and wishes to continue supporting the advertising of business and commerce within the town as is reasonable and appropriate for the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the community while supporting the goals of the Town's Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, to allow for the Town staff and Town Council to determine whether it should formalize and standardize the Master Sign Plan application, review and approval process, it is necessary to repeal the Master Sign Plan process at this time.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to repeal the Master Sign Plan provision of the Ridgway Municipal Code in Section 7-3-12(J) and amending certain provisions of the Code, allowing the Town Council, Town staff and Ridgway community to determine whether it should formalize and standardize the Master Sign Plan application, review and approval process at a later date.

Section 2. Emergency. Pursuant to Article III, Section 3-8(A) of the Charter of the Town of Ridgway, Colorado, an ordinance may be passed as an emergency ordinance when the

Council determines that the ordinance is necessary to the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and includes such declaration within the ordinance, and is adopted by the affirmative vote of six members of the Town Council.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 3-8(B) of the Charter of the Town of Ridgway, emergency ordinances shall take effect upon adoption by the Council.

Section 3. Repeal.

A. Section 7-3-12(E)(3) is repealed and replaced with the following:

(E) Permits:

(3) The total sign face area of signs required to have a permit, per building, other than those restricted by Subsection (6), shall not exceed the lesser of one square foot per foot of lineal street frontage of the premises abutting Town streets or 150 square feet. When more than one building is on the premises, the premises street frontage shall be allocated among the buildings accordingly. A minimum of 32 square feet of sign area shall be allowed for each separate business, as defined by lot, unit, lease, or other legally created property interest, subject to the total sign face area limitation of 150 square feet per building. Total sign face area in excess of 150 square feet shall not be allowed for any building. No single business may have a sign with any face area larger than 32 square feet.

B. Section 7-3-12(J) is repealed.

Section 4. Amendment.

A. Section 7-3-12(I)(1) is amended to as follows:

(I) Nonconforming Signs:

(1) All signs shall at all times be maintained in strict conformity with the performance criteria of Paragraphs (F)(1), (2), (3), (4), (6) or (8). All Master Sign Plans previously approved by the Town under Section 7-3-12(J) prior to April 15, 2019 shall be maintained in strict conformity with such Town approval. Any signs not in compliance with these specific performance criteria and/or Master Sign Plans approved prior to April 15, 2019 shall be removed.

Section 5. Certification.

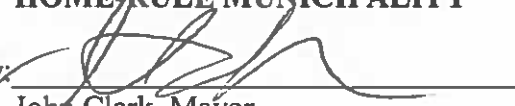
The Town Clerk shall publish notice of this Ordinance in compliance with the Home Rule Charter for the Town of Ridgway.

Section 6. Effective Date.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 3.8(B) of the Charter, this Ordinance is effective immediately upon adoption.

HEARD AND FINALLY ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Ridgway,
Colorado, this 15th day of April, 2019.

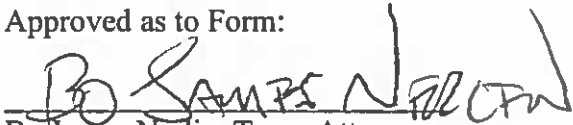
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HOME-RULE MUNICIPALITY**

By: 
John Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen Christian, Deputy Clerk

Approved as to Form:


Bo James Nerlin, Town Attorney

