

ORDINANCE NO. 740

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 165 "ZONING REGULATIONS."

WHEREAS, the city staff of the City of West Branch, Iowa, believes that allowances for temporary directional signage for open house events in the city right-of-way should be allowed the Code section related to "For Sale" and "To Rent" signs; and

WHEREAS, the city staff of the City of West Branch, Iowa, believes that a clarification in the language contained within *Section 165.43 SIGNS* in the Zoning Code will aide Realtors and others wishing to buy and sell homes; and

WHEREAS, local Realtors have reviewed and provided input on these recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa has reviewed these recommendations and concurs with the city staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

1. BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of West Branch, Iowa, that Chapter 165 "ZONING REGULATIONS" of the Code of West Branch, Iowa is hereby amended by revising the following subsection to Chapter 165:

165.43 SIGNS. – Amend as follows:

165.43(1) Permitted Signs, R District.

165.43(1) (B) "For Sale" and "To Rent" Signs, subject to the following:

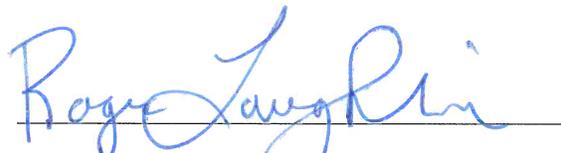
165.43(1) (B) (2) No sign shall project beyond the property line into the public way, **except for an open house or similar event. For an open house, portable off-premises residential directional signs announcing directions to a specific residence open house for sale or rent shall not exceed 42 inches in height. These signs may be located on the right-of-way outside of vehicular and bicycle lanes, but shall only be permitted for 48 hours prior to the open house and must be removed immediately after the open house.**

2. This amendment to the ordinance shall be in full effect from and after its publication as by law provided.

3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
4. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part, section, or provision thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Passed and approved this 18th day of July, 2016.

First Reading: June 6, 2016
Second Reading: June 27, 2016
Third Reading: July 18, 2016



Roger Laughlin, Mayor

Attest:



Matt Muckler, City Administrator/Clerk