

ORDINANCE NO. 040-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 131-2015 AND SECTION 1143.04 OF THE MAUMEE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY WHAT SIGNS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE MAUMEE ZONING CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Maumee Codified Ordinance Section 1143.04 is part of the City of Maumee Zoning Code and certain changes are necessary to resolve any potential conflicts within the code;

WHEREAS, these changes will clarify what signs are prohibited in the Maumee Zoning Code, and the Planning Commission recommended these changes after a public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Maumee, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Maumee Codified Ordinance Section 1143.04 is hereby amended in part as follows:

1143.04 PROHIBITED SIGNS.

The following signs shall not be permitted, erected, or maintained in any district:

(a) Signs stationary or movable; rotating or movable in any plane which incorporates in any manner any flashing or moving light sources except as provided for in [1143.16](#).

(b) Any sign or sign structure which:

(1) Is structurally unsafe; or

(2) Constitutes a hazard to safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, or abandonment; or

(3) Is not kept in good repair; or

(4) Is capable of causing electrical shocks to persons likely to come in contact with it.

(c) Any sign which, by reason of its size, location, content, coloring, or manner of illumination, constitutes a traffic hazard by obstructing or distracting the vision of drivers, or by obstructing or detracting from the visibility of any traffic sign or control device on public streets and roads.

(d) Any sign which obstructs free ingress to or egress from a required door, window, fire escape or other required entrance or exit way.

(e) Any sign which makes use of words such as "Stop", "Look", "Danger" or any other words, phrases, symbols, or characters, in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.

(f) Any sign or other advertising structure containing any obscene matter.

(g) Any sign now or hereafter existing which no longer advertises a bona fide business conducted or a product sold on the premises **or is otherwise is not a valid nonconforming use for said sign**. Such sign and its supporting structure shall be removed within a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the business ceases operation **or is not a valid nonconforming use, whichever first occurs**.

(h) Balloon or other inflatable signs.

- (i) Billboards.
- (j) Roof signs.
- (k) Pennants, streamers, and street banners.
- (l) Pole signs (exception: pole signs existing at the time of passage of this section ~~may be refaced, however,~~ which are shall be subject to all other restrictions set forth under Section 1143.21)
- (m) Signs which use plasma illumination technology.
- (n) Animated signs or signs with any moving parts.
- (o) Any sign unlawfully installed, erected, maintained, or otherwise not in conformance with the Maumee Building Code.

SECTION 2. Section 1143.04 of the Maumee Codified Ordinances, Ordinance 131-2015 and any ordinances, parts of ordinances or the chapters of the Zoning Code in conflict herewith are hereby amended and repealed in part to reflect the foregoing changes;

SECTION 3. This ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary to preserve the public interest and for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Maumee, and more specifically to allow for the immediate update of the zoning code so as to eliminate any inconsistent provisions in the Maumee Zoning Code which will be a benefit for the citizens of Maumee, wherefore this ordinance will go into immediate effect upon its adoption by council.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of Council's committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of the Charter of Maumee, Ohio.

Motion to declare an emergency:	Fiscus	Seconded:	Puffenberger
Yeas 6	Nays 0		
Motion to Pass:	Fiscus	Seconded:	Puffenberger
Yeas 6	Nays 0		
Passed: November 6, 2023			



Mayor.

ATTEST:



Municipal Clerk.

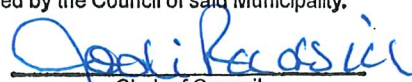
Approved as to form by:



Law Director.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I, Clerk of Council of the Municipality of Maumee, Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance/Resolution No. 040-2023 was duty posted on 11-7-2023 and remained posted for a period of fifteen days thereafter, in not less than five of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of said Municipality.


Clerk of Council

Date: Nov. 22, 2023