

**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2007-037****ORDINANCE NO. 2008-001**

**AN ORDINANCE** amending Article II of Chapter 6, by repealing Section 6-32, Applicability of Article, and Section 6-34, Notice of Violation, of the Joplin City Code, and enacting new Sections 6-32 and 6-34 in lieu thereof, and enacting a new Section 6.43, Placement of signs of the property of another., dealing generally with prohibiting the placement of signs on the property of another without their permission.

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in complaints from the general public about signs being placed on their property without permission, and signs being placed on sidewalks and in public right-of-ways that affect the ability of drivers and pedestrians to see oncoming and adjacent traffic; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the general public to have these issues resolved more quickly and to try to deter the placement of signs on the property of persons who have not given their permission for placement; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to repeal Sections 6-32(c)(2) and 6-34 of the Joplin City Code and enact new Sections 6-32(c)(2) and 6-34 of the Joplin City Code, in lieu thereof, and to enact a new Section 6-43 to address these issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That Article II of Chapter 6, Section 6-32(c)(2), Applicability of Article., and Section 6-34, Notice of Violations., of the Joplin City Code be repealed, and new Sections 6-32(c)(2), Applicability of Article., and 6-34, Notice of Violations., are enacted in lieu thereof, and a new Section 6-43, Placement of signs on the property of another., to read as follows:

"Section 6-32(c)(2). Applicability of Article.

(2) Political signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in area, provided such signs shall not be more than five feet in height and shall not be located closer to the street than 15 feet from the back of the curb or edge of street on any property without a sidewalk or the back of the sidewalk on any lot where a sidewalk is located. However, in no event shall any sign be located on any public right-of-way."

"Section 6-34. Notice of Violations.

The chief building official shall identify any signs that are illegal or endanger the public safety, such as abandoned, dangerous, or materially, electrically, or structurally, defective signs, or a sign for which no permit has been issued. The chief building official shall prepare a notice which shall describe the sign and specify the

violation involved, and which shall state that, if the sign is not removed or the violation is not corrected within a specified time, not less than five (5) days, a complaint will be filed with the municipal court. The notice shall be mailed by certified mail or delivered to the owner and/or occupant of the property on which the sign is located, and if the owner of the sign is known, the notice shall also be mailed by certified mail or delivered to the owner of the sign.”

“Section 6-43. Placement of signs on the property of another.  
No person shall place any sign upon the property of another without first having received permission therefor. Any person having been found guilty of, or having pled guilty to, a violation of this section, shall be punished as provided by Section 1-5 of this Code.”

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 7th day of January, 2007.

Jon Tupper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brian W. Head, City Attorney