

Ordinance No. 189-2025

By Council Members Conwell, Griffin,
Santana and Kazy
(by departmental request)

AN ORDINANCE

To supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, by enacting new Section 350.121 relating to window sign coverage limitation and to amend Section 3104.02 of the codified ordinances, as amended by Ordinance No. 388-2024, passed April 1, 2024, relating to civil offenses.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, are supplemented by enacting new Section 350.121 to read as follows:

Section 350.121 Window Sign Coverage Limitation

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, window signage regardless of use type, in all zoning districts except for Residential and Residence-Office Districts, shall cover no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of window area. In determining the percentage of window area covered, each facade or side of the building shall be considered separately. Window area shall be measured to include all windows and the glass portions of doors, and it shall include all area covered regardless of material, including by temporary signs or permanent signs. Any material that covers window area and that has empty or transparent portions shall be measured as an entire material, including those empty or transparent portions.

Section 2. That Section 3104.02 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 388-2024, passed April 1, 2024, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3104.02 Civil Offenses

In addition to any other means of enforcement provided for in these Codified Ordinances, each of the following sections may be enforced through the issuance of a Notice of Civil Offense to the Responsible Parties:

1. Section 337.23 Accessory Uses in Residence Districts
2. Section 337.231 Portable Storage Containers
3. Section 347.02 Restrictions on the Keeping of Farm Animals and Bees
4. Section 347.08 Regulations for Trash Areas and Refuse Containers
5. Section 347.10 Temporary Use Permits
6. Section 347.121 Hookah Lounges and Vapor Lounges
7. Section 349.02 Existing Off-Street Parking Facilities
8. Section 349.04 Required Parking Spaces
9. Section 349.13 Permitted Garages and Parking Space in Residence Districts
10. Section 350.121 Window Sign Coverage Limitation
- ~~10.~~ ~~11.~~ Section 357.13 Yard Encroachments Permitted
- ~~11.~~ ~~12.~~ Section 357.14 Yard Encroachments Prohibited
- ~~12.~~ ~~13.~~ Section 365.02 Non-Owner-Occupied Residential Rental Unit Registration Required; Application for and Issuance of Certificate of Rental Registration; Certificate of Approving Rental Occupancy; Revocation
- ~~13.~~ ~~14.~~ Section 365.04 Lead-Safe Certification Required for Residential Rental Units Built Before January 1, 1978
- ~~14.~~ ~~15.~~ Section 369.08 Rubbish and Garbage Disposal
- ~~15.~~ ~~16.~~ Section 369.13 General Maintenance Requirements
- ~~16.~~ ~~17.~~ Section 369.14 Maintenance of Foundations

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- ~~17.~~ 18. Section 369.15 Maintenance of Exterior Walls and Roof
- ~~18.~~ 19. Section 369.16 Maintenance of Interior Walls and Floors
- ~~19.~~ 20. Section 369.17 Infestation by Pests
- ~~20.~~ 21. Section 369.18 Exterior Property Areas
- ~~21.~~ 22. Section 369.19 Secondary or Appurtenant Structure
- ~~22.~~ 23. Section 371.03 Minimum Requirements for Fire-Protective Features
- ~~23.~~ 24. Section 371.05 Lighting of Public Hallways and Common Areas
- ~~24.~~ 25. Section 371.07 Rubbish and Garbage Disposal Facilities
- ~~25.~~ 26. Section 371.10 Sanitation Responsibilities of Owner and Occupant
- ~~26.~~ 27. Section 371.11 Required Heating Capacity
- ~~27.~~ 28. Section 371.13 Identification of Dwelling Units
- ~~28.~~ 29. Section 391.17 Maintenance
- ~~29.~~ 30. Section 392.02 Smoke Detection and Alarm Systems – Installation Required
- ~~30.~~ 31. Section 392.021 Carbon Monoxide Alarms; Installation Required in Rental Dwelling Units
- ~~31.~~ 32. Section 392.03 Testing, Inspection, and Notification
- ~~32.~~ 33. Section 392.04 Maintenance
- ~~33.~~ 34. Section 392.05 Tampering
- ~~34.~~ 35. Section 3101.10(e) Safety and Maintenance – Maintenance of Exterior Property Areas
- ~~35.~~ 36. Section 3101.11 Removal of Graffiti
- ~~36.~~ 37. Section 3103.09(f) Unsafe Structures and Exterior Property Nuisances; Violations and Remedial Notices; Cost Recovery – Vacating Buildings and Prohibited Use
- ~~37.~~ 38. Section 3103.091 Utility Shut-Off in Vacant and Unsafe Structures
- ~~38.~~ 39. Section 3103.10 Abandoned Service Stations
- ~~39.~~ 40. Section 3103.25 Violations Generally
- ~~40.~~ 41. Section 3105.01 Permits Required; Exceptions
- ~~41.~~ 42. Section 3105.02 Permit Applications; Plans and Specifications
- ~~42.~~ 43. Section 3105.05 Plans Required at Work Site
- ~~43.~~ 44. Section 3106.02 Duties of Responsible Party
- ~~44.~~ 45. Section 3106.03 Vacant Building Registration Required
- ~~45.~~ 46. Section 3106.04 Vacant Building Inspection, Obligation to Correct Violations, and Issuance of Certificate of Correction
- ~~46.~~ 47. Section 3106.06 Inspection Required for Transfer of Vacant Residential Property; Correction Required Following Transfer
- ~~47.~~ 48. Section 3109.11 Retractable Awnings
- ~~48.~~ 49. Section 3125.01 Protection of Excavations
- ~~49.~~ 50. Section 3141.05 Responsibility of Owner

Section 3. That Section 3104.02 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 388-2024, passed April 1, 2024, is repealed.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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2-10-2025

FOR: Director Margolius and Council Members Conwell, Griffin, Santana and Kazy

