

LIMITED IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE PERMITTED

Due to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic and the ongoing state of emergency, in-person attendance at this Council meeting by members of the general public will be limited. Attendance will be limited to twenty percent of the stated maximum occupancy, which equates to thirty-four (34) persons (including Council members, other elected officials, and staff). Attendees will be required to sit in designated seats, appropriately spaced. In-person attendance will be allowed on a “first-come” basis.

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PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**December 15, 2020
5:00 P.M.**

**Oconee County Administrative Offices
Council Chambers
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - November 17, 2020
3. Discussion Items *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*
 - Continued discussion regarding land use planning in relation to gun ranges and ancillary uses
 - Continued discussion regarding corridors along Hwys. 130, 183, & 188 – Signs – Mr. Adam Chapman
 - Discussion on regulations regarding architectural design elements along certain corridors in Oconee County – Mr. Adam Chapman
4. Adjourn

There will not be a scheduled opportunity for public to comment at this meeting.
Council members will discuss recommendations from the Administrator at this meeting.

[This agenda is not inclusive of all issues which the Committee may bring up for discussion at this meeting.]

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Cain, Chair, District III
Mr. Elliott, District I
Mr. Davis, III, District IV

OCONEE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety. The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not pre-empted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Facility means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

Meeting means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility. The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting, or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.
- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.

- (7) Use any county governmental facility, grounds or other property for any purpose not authorized by law or expressly permitted by officials responsible for the premises.
 - (8) Enter without authorization or permission or refuse to leave any county governmental facility, grounds or other property after hours of operation.
 - (9) Obstruct or impede passage within a building, grounds or other property of any county governmental facility.
 - (10) Enter, without legal cause or good excuse, a county governmental facility, grounds or property after having been warned not to do so; or, having entered such property, fail and refuse without legal cause or good excuse to leave immediately upon being ordered or requested to *do so* by an official, employee, agent or representative responsible for premises.
 - (11) Damage, deface, injure or attempt to damage, deface or injure a county governmental property, whether real property or otherwise.
 - (12) Enter or attempt to enter any restricted or nonpublic ingress point or any restricted access area, or bypass or attempt to bypass the designated public entrance or security checkpoint of a facility without authorization or permission.
 - (13) Perform any act which circumvents, disables or interferes with or attempts to circumvent, disable or interfere with a facility's security system, alarm system, camera system, door lock or other intrusion prevention or detection device. This includes, without limitation, opening, blocking open, or otherwise disabling an alarmed or locked door or other opening that would allow the entry of an unauthorized person into a facility or restricted access area of the facility.
 - (14) Exit or attempt to exit a facility through an unauthorized egress point or alarmed door.
- (d) *Penalty for violation of section.* Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. In addition, vehicles that are improperly parked on any county property, facility, or other premises may be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. 2003-04, §§ 1—4, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2012-06, § 1, 4-3-2012)

Sec.- Title.

This article shall be known as the “Lake Corridors’ signage standards.”

Sec. - Authority

This article is adopted pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code § 4-9-25 and § 4-9-30. Personnel employed by the county as planning director and zoning officials, code enforcement officers, building code officials, and personnel employed by the sheriff of the county are vested with the authority to enforce and administer signage control within the county.

Sec.- Jurisdiction.

The regulations set forth in this article shall be applicable to developments within the unincorporated areas of the county along the following corridors with on premise signage visible from the following corridors:

- South Carolina Highway 130 from the City of Seneca municipal boundary to the Town of Salem municipal boundary;
- South Carolina Highway 183 from South Carolina Highway 188 to the Pickens County-line;
- South Carolina Highway 188.

All signs proposed to be constructed in these areas of the county shall be permitted under, and/or governed by, these regulations. Billboards and signs existing at the time of the adoption of these standards shall be considered exempt, with the exception of any sign or sign structure considered abandoned, disassembled, or otherwise removed from a site. This article only pertains to On-premises signs. Off premises signs are defined as billboards and are regulated by Article 8 of Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances.

Sec.- Appeals of staff decisions.

Decisions made by the Planning director or their designee related to the issuance or denial of a sign permit may be appealed to the Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals pursuant to the South Carolina Code of Laws and the Oconee County Code of Ordinances.

Sec.- Complaints.

All complaints of violations shall be submitted in writing on a form provided by the Planning director or their designee. The complaint shall include a detailed description of the alleged violation, as well as the complainant's name, address and signature. Complainants must reside within the same planning district in which the potential violation lies. Anonymous reports of alleged violations will not be considered.

Sec. - Cancellation of permits.

Violation of the provisions of this article found after the issuance of a land use permit, building permit, or other permit or certificate issued by Oconee County contingent on an approved zoning permit or temporary use certificate shall constitute a voiding or cancellation of all issued permits, and subject the applicant to the full extent of penalties provided for by law.

Sec. - Penalties.

Any person or entity violating the regulations set forth in this article is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined up to \$500.00 or imprisoned for 30 days or both

Sec. - General provisions applicable to signs

The following provisions apply to all signs unless a special provision contained in this article clearly indicates otherwise:

- a. Height. The maximum allowable height of a free-standing sign, such as monument, pole, or other is seven (7) feet.
- b. Setbacks. All signs shall be setback five (5) feet from any right-of-way(s) or front lot line, whichever is greater, and (10) ten feet from the side and rear lot lines. No portion of a sign may extend into a right-of-way, over a lot line, or over a public or private right-of-way.
- c. Quantity. One (1) free-standing sign and one (1) building-mounted sign.
- d. Area of free-standing signs. Up to thirty-three (33) square feet
- e. Area of building-mounted signs. Area permitted is 25 percent of the total façades facing a public or private right-of-way of a given business and must be installed flush with the building and project no more than 24 inches.
- f. Canopy & awning signs. Businesses with awnings over windows and/or doors may include signage information on the awnings in addition to the two otherwise permitted sign types.
- g. Illumination:
 - i. Signs shall be top-lighted, with the light source facing downward, or internally illuminated.
 - ii. No sign shall be erected where illumination is of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or impair the vision of any driver of any motor vehicle or which otherwise interferes with any driver's operation of a motor vehicle.
 - iii. No sign shall be erected, or any existing sign operated, where illumination is not shielded to prevent light from being directed at any portion of a traveled right-of-way.
 - iv. No sign shall be erected, or any existing sign operated, where illumination is not shielded to prevent light from being directed at a residential lot.
 - v. No sign's light source shall be located so that it may be seen from residential lot.
- h. Automatic changeable message devices. Not permitted.
- i. Moving / rotating signage. Not permitted.
- j. Window signs. Window signs shall have a static message and shall not flash, blink, or scroll. There is no limit on the number or type of windows signs. Window signs do not count towards the total number of square footage of building-mounted signage. Window signs shall be legible only from the premises on which they are located.

k. Signs on public property. Any sign installed or placed on public property, including county-owned or operated rights-of-way, except in conformance with the requirements of this article and expressly permitted by the appropriate governing authority, shall be deemed illegal and shall be subject to removal. In addition to other remedies hereunder, the county shall have the right to recover the cost of removal and disposal of such sign from the owner or the person who placed it.

l. Sculptural and nonplanar signs. The surface area of a spherical, free form, sculptural, or other nonplanar sign may be equal to the applicable amount of square footage permitted.

m. Corner lots and double frontage properties adjacent to a public or private right-of-way. Each frontage is allowed the specified amount of ground signage indicated in this Sec ###

Sec. - Special provisions applicable to group development signage.

1. Group development signage shall not be considered a billboard if located within the project area as determined by the Planning Director or their designee
2. Individual businesses and developments within Group developments will not be permitted to construct their own free-standing signage along public or private right-of-ways.
3. All group development signage shall adhere to the following standards:
 - a. Height. The maximum allowable height of a free-standing sign, such as monument, pole, or other is seven (7) feet.
 - b. Setbacks. All signs shall be setback five (5) feet from any right-of-way(s) or front lot line, whichever is greater, and (10) ten feet from the side and rear lot lines. No portion of a sign may extend into a right-of-way, over a lot line or over a public or private right-of-way.
 - c. Quantity & Area of free-standing signs. Lots with 1-3 businesses may have 1-3 signs totaling no more than thirty-three (33) square feet, when combined, on one sign structure. Lots with four or more businesses, the sign size may be increased by two (2) sq. ft. for each number of businesses over three (3).
 - d. Area of building-mounted signs. Area permitted is 25 percent of the total façades facing a public or private right-of-way of a given business and must be installed flush with the building and project no more than 24 inches.
 - e. Canopy & awning signs; Businesses with awnings over windows and/or doors may include signage information on the awnings in addition to the two otherwise permitted sign types.

f. Illumination:

- vi. Signs shall be top-lighted, with the light source facing downward, or internally illuminated.
- vii. No sign shall be erected where illumination is of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or impair the vision of any driver of any motor vehicle or which otherwise interferes with any driver's operation of a motor vehicle.
- viii. No sign shall be erected, or any existing sign operated, where illumination is not shielded to prevent light from being directed at any portion of a traveled right-of-way.
- ix. No sign shall be erected, or any existing sign operated, where illumination is not shielded to prevent light from being directed at a residential lot.
- x. No sign's light source shall be located so that it may be seen from residential lot.

g. Automatic changeable message devices. Not permitted.

h. Moving / rotating signage. Not permitted.

i. Window signs. Window signs shall have a static message and shall not flash, blink, or scroll. There is no limit on the number or type of window signs. Window signs do not count towards the total number of square footage of building-mounted signage. Window signs shall be legible only from the premises on which they are located.

j. Signs on public property. Any sign installed or placed on public property, including county-owned or operated rights-of-way, except in conformance with the requirements of this article and expressly permitted by the appropriate governing authority, shall be deemed illegal and shall be subject to removal. In addition to other remedies hereunder, the county shall have the right to recover the cost of removal and disposal of such sign from the owner or the person who placed it.

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l. Corner lots and double frontage properties adjacent to a public or private right-of-way. Each frontage is allowed the specified amount of free-standing and building mounted signage indicated in this Sec ###

Sec. - Residential subdivision

Special provisions applicable to residential subdivision entrance signage.

- a. Each residential subdivision entrance is allowed two (2) subdivision entrance signs. Such signs shall be located outside of right-of-ways and shall not encroach into any corner sight visibility triangle.

- b. Square footage of each sign may not exceed thirty-three (33) square feet

Sec. – Exempt signs

The following signage, which is exempt from obtaining a land-use permit under this article must nonetheless follow all General Provisions (Sec ##) and General Standards & Criteria for signs (Sec. ##)

- a. Miscellaneous signs. A sign which does not directly call attention to the place, product, institution, business, organization, activity or service available on the premises. Examples include, “no trespassing/hunting/soliciting”, and memberships in associations, cooperatives, fraternal organizations or the like.
- b. Temporary signs such as, but not limited to, the following and defined in Sec ##:
 - Construction
 - Political
 - Special event
 - Real estate
 - Seasonal farm and forestry products
 - Garage and yard sale

And; that are less than less than thirty-three (33) square feet in size and less than seven (7) feet in height and/or until the aggregate size of signage under thirty-three (33) square feet on a lot totals the permitted size of a single sign, as established herein.

- c. Replacing any sign face for content change, repair, or other replacement, provided the square footage of the sign face does not change and the dimensions or location of the support structure of the signage does not change.
- d. No exempt sign shall be placed in any public right-of-way.
- e. No exempt sign shall create an unsafe environment for vehicular or pedestrian travel.
- f. Signage required by local, state or federal regulations for life-safety purposes are exempt.
- g. Internal directional or wayfinding signage that are less than less than thirty-three (33) square feet in size and less than seven (7) feet in height and/or until the aggregate size of signage under thirty-three (33) square feet on a lot totals the permitted size of a single sign, as established herein.

Sec. - Prohibited signs

The following signs are expressly prohibited, unless otherwise stated in these regulations;

- a. Animated and Moving Signs - A sign or other display with either kinetic or illusionary motion powered by natural, manual, mechanical, electrical or other means, including but not limited to flags having commercial messages, and all pennants, banners, streamers, propellers, and discs, as well as flashing signs, signs with illuminated elements that are used to simulate the impression of motion, and searchlights.

- b. Flashing and Message Signs - Any signs that include lights or messages which change flash, blink or turn on and off intermittently, but specifically excluding time and temperature signs which display no other text or images.
- c. Glaring Signs - Signs with light sources or which reflect brightness in a manner which constitutes a hazard or nuisance. This includes signs with fluorescent text, graphics or background, as well as holographic signs.
- d. Obstructive Signs - A sign or other advertising device erected or maintained at any road intersection in a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision of the intersection.
- e. Posters and Handbills - Any signs affixed to any structures, trees or other natural vegetation, rocks or poles.
- f. Signs of any type or size are not permitted on public utility poles, public lighting poles, or other similar structures.
- g. Roof mounted signs.
- h. Simulated Traffic Signs and Obstructions - Any sign which may be confused with, or obstruct the view of, any authorized traffic sign or signal, obstruct the sight-distance triangle at any road intersection or extend into the public right-of-way.
- i. Banners spanning county roadways are prohibited. Banners spanning state roadways require permission from the South Carolina Department of Transportation and issuance of a highway occupancy permit.
- j. Street Rights-of-Way – No sign or advertising device, including projecting signs, shall be located in or project over any road right-of-way nor be located within the clear sight triangle of any intersection. Exceptions include public signs or signs erected by a governmental agency.
- k. Lights or other devices used on a temporary basis on parcels on which carnivals, fairs or other similar temporary activities are held.
- l. Vehicle Signs - Any sign displayed on a parked trailer or other vehicle where the primary purpose of the vehicle is to advertise a product, service business, or other activity. This regulation shall permit the use of business logos, identification or advertising on vehicles primarily and actively used for business purposes.
- m. A-frame/ Wheeled Signs – Any portable “A” frame or similar portable sign is prohibited except on a temporary basis not to exceed 72 consecutive hours not more than once per year.

m. Sign Emissions- No sign which emits smoke, visible vapors, particles, sound or odor shall be permitted.

o. Mirrors – No mirrors or mirror devices shall be used as part of any sign

Sec. - Removal of the Violating Sign

After issuing an enforcement notice the Planning director or their designee shall have the power to, and may remove, cause to be removed, or order the removal of signs that are in violation of this Ordinance. The removal will be completed at the expense of the owner of the lot. Removal shall take place in the following instances:

1. When any sign constructed after the adoption of this Ordinance or any amendment to it is not in conformance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
2. If the Planning director or their designee finds a sign which presents immediate peril to persons or property, the sign shall be removed.
3. When any sign, whether existing on, or erected on or after the effective date of this Ordinance, is declared obsolete for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Any directional or off-premises sign which refers or pertains to a business or facility, the affairs of which are discontinued for a period of six (6) months or more.
 - b. Any sign which pertains to a time, event or purpose which no longer exists or applies.
 - c. On premises signs for any businesses or facilities which have been vacant, unoccupied or not actively being offered for sale for a period of six (6) months or more.

Sec. – Permit procedures

a. Signs permitted under these regulations shall impose no obvious hazards to any drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, or other users of the defined roadways in the unincorporated areas of the county. As such, the following materials shall be submitted to the planning director or their designee at the time of application:

A completed application form;

A detailed site plan prepared and stamped by a surveyor licensed by the state, noting the proposed location of the structure, and verification that the new sign or billboard meets all location requirements set forth in this article;

A set of construction plans, to include all proposed lighting features. All plans submitted shall be stamped by appropriate professionals licensed by the state; and

Payment of required fees.

Any other information requested by the Planning director or their designee in order to carry out the purpose and intent of this Ordinance.

Sec. - Permits

Upon satisfactory completion of all requirements set forth in this article, the owner/agent shall be issued a land use permit by the planning director or their designee for construction of the sign. The land use permit shall be valid for six (6) months from the

date of issue; the owner/agent may be granted a one-time six (6) month extension, provided a written request is submitted to the planning director no later than seven (7) working days prior to the original expiration date. Request for extension shall include documentation of efforts to obtain other necessary permits and permissions needed to begin construction, specifically noting the reason for the extension request. Extensions shall be granted only to those projects that were delayed through no fault of the owner/agent of the sign. The land use permit issued by the planning director shall in no way be construed to be a building permit needed to begin construction of a sign. No building permit, or other county-issued permits, certification or approval, shall be issued for a sign prior to the issuance of the land use permit. Replacing any billboard or sign face with no change in sign area, structure, or use of electricity does not require a permit.

Sec. – Fees

Fees shall be established for the cost of a sign permit by county council from time to time

Sec. - General Standards & Criteria for signs

- a. Determination of Gross Sign Area - The area of a sign shall include all lettering, wording and accompanying designs and symbols together with the background, whether open or enclosed, on which they are displayed but not including any supporting framework and bracing which are incidental to the display.
- b. Where the sign consists of individual letters or symbols attached to or painted on a surface, building wall or window, the area shall be considered to be that of the single smallest rectangle or other regular geometric shape which encompasses all of the letters and symbols, including the sign background and frame.
- c. In computing square-foot area of a double-faced sign, only one side shall be considered, provided both faces are identical in size, otherwise the larger side shall be considered. If the interior angle formed by the faces of the multi-faced sign is greater than forty- five (45) degrees, then all sides of the sign shall be considered in calculating the sign area.
- d. Unless otherwise specifically provided, references to “sign area” or “sign size” shall be deemed to be per sign side.
- e. Determination of Sign Height - The height of all signs shall be the measured from the natural grade level immediately adjacent to where the sign is erected to the top of the sign or sign structure.
- f. All signs shall conform to the applicable building codes and to the following general requirements:
 - i. Sign Materials and Construction - All signs shall be constructed of durable materials, designed to withstand expected wind pressures and erected so as not to sustain damage and deterioration from the elements. No sign shall contain iridescent or “Day-Glo” - type colors.

- ii. Maintenance - Every sign, including those specifically exempt from permit and permit fees, shall be maintained in good repair and in a safe, clean and attractive condition.
- iii. Design - No sign or part of a sign shall contain or consist of banners, posters, pennants, ribbons, streamers, spinners or other similar moving, fluttering or revolving devices. None of these devices, nor any strings of lights, shall be used for the purpose of advertising or getting attention when not part of a sign, except as follows.
- iv. Sign Illumination - Illuminated signs or sign lighting devices shall employ only lights emitting a light of constant intensity (See also subsection ##) and no sign shall be illuminated by or contain flashing, intermittent rotating or moving light or lights. No sign or lighting device shall be placed or directed to permit the beams and illumination to be directed or beamed upon a public road, highway, sidewalk or adjacent premises so as to cause a traffic hazard or nuisance.

Sec. – Nonconforming signs

Any sign lawfully existing or under construction before the date of enactment of these sign regulations or upon any date on which these regulations are amended, and any sign which is accessory to a nonconforming use, shall be deemed a nonconforming sign.

- a. Modifications - Nonconforming signs shall not be enlarged, extended, structurally reconstructed or altered in any manner, except that the sign face (gross surface area portion of the sign) may be changed as long as the new sign face is equal to or reduced in height, sign area, and/or projection. A sign permit is not needed for a new sign face, or a change in the advertising content appearing on the sign face.
- b. Removal - Nonconforming signs may remain, provided they are maintained in good repair, except for the following.
 - i. A nonconforming sign or the structure supporting the sign which is damaged or destroyed to the extent of fifty percent (50%) or more shall not be altered, replaced or reinstalled unless it is in conformance with these regulations. If the damage or destruction is less than fifty percent (50%), the sign must be under repair within sixty (60) days and all repairs must be completed within six (6) months or the sign and sign structure shall be removed. The sign shall not be enlarged in any manner.
 - ii. A nonconforming sign is required to be removed if the sign and/or the structure supporting the sign is damaged or destroyed to the extent of fifty percent (50%) or more.
- c. Any sign, display or device allowed in this Ordinance may contain (in lieu of any other copy) lawful noncommercial messages that do not direct attention to a business operated for profit or to a commodity or service for sale. The sign, display or device must comply with all other requirements of this Ordinance.

Sec. - Definitions

Except where specifically defined herein, all words used in this article shall carry their customary meanings. Where applicable, words used in the present tense include the future tense, and the singular includes the plural.

Abandoned billboard or sign means a billboard or sign which is not being maintained as required by this article, which has an obsolete advertising message or no advertising message, or one for which a permit has not been obtained or is not current. Public service signage shall not be considered abandoned under this definition.

Billboard means any advertising structure that directs persons to a different location from where the billboard is located or which is otherwise "off-premises" but makes no reference to a location.

Building mounted sign or billboard means any sign or billboard attached to, or artistically rendered upon (such as a painting), a building or canopy/awning attached to a building or structure.

Existing billboard means a billboard lawfully erected within the boundaries of the county prior to the adoption of this article, as amended by Oconee County Ordinance 2020-##_.

Group development means any aggregate non-residential, mixed-use, and/or multi-family development project, commonly referred to as (by way of example and not limitation) a strip mall, mall, town-center development, apartment or condominium complex, or town-home community, which is constructed on one or multiple lots of land.

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Sign area means the entire face of a sign or billboard, including the advertising surface and any framing, trim, or molding, but not including the supporting structure. For non-rectangular signs or billboards, the sign area shall be equal to that of the smallest rectangle that encompasses all features of that sign or billboard. For stacked signs or billboards, the sign area shall be that of the small rectangle that encompasses all signs or billboards in the stack.

Sign permit means any permit, other than a building permit, obtained by an applicant from the county for the purpose of the construction or maintenance of a sign or billboard, or

a permit obtained for any sign or billboard to be placed on public property, including a county-owned or operated right-of-way.

Stacked sign or billboard means any structure so configured to present two or more sign areas at different elevations and/or presenting two or more sign areas facing in the same direction.

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Operative language from draft Lake Corridors' sign code

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- c. Quantity. One (1) free-standing sign and one (1) building-mounted sign.
- d. Area of free-standing signs. Up to thirty-three (33) square feet
- e. Area of building-mounted signs. Area permitted is 25 percent of the total façades facing a public or private right-of-way of a given business and must be installed flush with the building and project no more than 24 inches.
- f. Canopy & awning signs. Businesses with awnings over windows and/or doors may include signage information on the awnings in addition to the two otherwise permitted sign types.
- g. Illumination:
 - i. Signs shall be top-lighted, with the light source facing downward, or internally illuminated.
 - ii. No sign shall be erected where illumination is of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or impair the vision of any driver of any motor vehicle or which otherwise interferes with any driver's operation of a motor vehicle.
 - iii. No sign shall be erected, or any existing sign operated, where illumination is not shielded to prevent light from being directed at any portion of a traveled right-of-way.
 - iv. No sign shall be erected, or any existing sign operated, where illumination is not shielded to prevent light from being directed at a residential lot.
 - v. No sign's light source shall be located so that it may be seen from residential lot.

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- h. Automatic changeable message devices. Not permitted.
- i. Moving / rotating signage. Not permitted.
- j. Window signs. Window signs shall have a static message and shall not flash, blink, or scroll. There is no limit on the number or type of windows signs. Window signs do not count towards the total number of square footage of building-mounted signage. Window signs shall be legible only from the premises on which they are located.
- k. Signs on public property. Any sign installed or placed on public property, including county-owned or operated rights-of-way, except in conformance with the requirements of this article and expressly permitted by the appropriate governing authority, shall be deemed illegal and shall be subject to removal. In addition to other remedies hereunder, the county shall have the right to recover the cost of removal and disposal of such sign from the owner or the person who placed it.
- l. Sculptural and nonplanar signs. The surface area of a spherical, free form, sculptural, or other nonplanar sign may be equal to the applicable amount of square footage permitted.
- m. Corner lots and double frontage properties adjacent to a public or private right-of-way. Each frontage is allowed the specified amount of ground signage indicated in this Sec ###

Sec. - Special provisions applicable to group development signage.

1. Group development signage shall not be considered a billboard if located within the project area as determined by the Planning Director or their designee
2. Individual businesses and developments within group developments will not be permitted to construct their own free-standing signage along public or private right-of-ways.
3. All group development signage shall adhere to the following standards:
 - a. Height. The maximum allowable height of a free-standing sign, such as monument, pole, or other is seven (7) feet.
 - b. Setbacks. All signs shall be setback five (5) feet from any right-of-way(s) or front lot line, whichever is greater, and (10) ten feet from the side and rear lot lines. No portion of a sign may extend into a right-of-way, over a lot line or over a public or private right-of-way.
 - c. Quantity & Area of free-standing signs. Lots with 1-3 businesses may have 1-3 signs totaling no more than thirty-three (33) square feet, when combined, on one sign structure. Lots with four or more businesses, the sign size may be increased by two (2) sq. ft. for each number of businesses over three (3).
 - d. Area of building-mounted signs. Area permitted is 25 percent of the total façades facing a public or private right-of-way of a given business and must be installed flush with the building and project no more than 24 inches.

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 - ix. No sign shall be erected, or any existing sign operated, where illumination is not shielded to prevent light from being directed at a residential lot.
 - x. No sign's light source shall be located so that it may be seen from residential lot.
- g. Automatic changeable message devices. Not permitted.
- h. Moving / rotating signage. Not permitted.
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- k. Sculptural and nonplanar signs. The surface area of a spherical, free form, sculptural, or other nonplanar sign may be equal to the applicable amount of square footage permitted.
- l. Corner lots and double frontage properties adjacent to a public or private right-of-way. Each frontage is allowed the specified amount of free-standing and building mounted signage indicated in this Sec ###

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Sec. - Residential subdivision

Special provisions applicable to residential subdivision entrance signage.

- a. Each residential subdivision entrance is allowed two (2) subdivision entrance signs. Such signs shall be located outside of right-of-ways and shall not encroach into any corner sight visibility triangle.
- b. Square footage of each sign may not exceed thirty-three (33) square feet

Sec. – Exempt signs

The following signage, which is exempt from obtaining a land-use permit under this article must nonetheless follow all General Provisions (Sec ##) and General Standards & Criteria for signs (Sec. ##)

- a. Miscellaneous signs. A sign which does not directly call attention to the place, product, institution, business, organization, activity or service available on the premises. Examples include, “no trespassing/hunting/soliciting”, and memberships in associations, cooperatives, fraternal organizations or the like.
- b. Temporary signs such as, but not limited to, the following and defined in Sec ##:
 - Construction
 - Political
 - Special event
 - Real estate
 - Seasonal farm and forestry products
 - Garage and yard sale

And; that are less than less than thirty-three (33) square feet in size and less than seven (7) feet in height and/or until the aggregate size of signage under thirty-three (33) square feet on a lot totals the permitted size of a single sign, as established herein.

- c. Replacing any sign face for content change, repair, or other replacement, provided the square footage of the sign face does not change and the dimensions or location of the support structure of the signage does not change.
- d. No exempt sign shall be placed in any public right-of-way.
- e. No exempt sign shall create an unsafe environment for vehicular or pedestrian travel.
- f. Signage required by local, state or federal regulations for life-safety purposes are exempt.
- g. Internal directional or wayfinding signage that are less than less than thirty-three (33) square feet in size and less than seven (7) feet in height and/or until the aggregate size of signage under thirty-three (33) square feet on a lot totals the permitted size of a single sign, as established herein.

Design standards pertaining to specified corridors in Oconee County

Intent

To manage the growth along specified corridors in Oconee County for future generations.

Applicable to

- Non-residential uses.
- Mixed-use residential and commercial projects.
- Multi-story residential town-home, multiplex, apartment, and condominiums.
- Governmental facilities

Exemptions

Agricultural and Forestry uses as defined by the South Carolina right-to-farm act and South Carolina right-to-forestry act.

Traffic & Safety

Applications for proposed projects within the boundaries of this ordinance shall provide written verification from the SCDOT indicating any and all traffic & safety implementation standards required of the proposed project. All infrastructure required by the SCDOT shall be implemented or constructed prior to a certificate of completion, permanent power or certificate of occupancy being issued.

Franchise architecture

Franchise architecture is defined as building design that is trademarked or identified with a particular franchise chain or corporation and is generic or standard in nature. Franchises or national chains must follow the standards of this ordinance to create a building that enhances the character to the corridor.

Parking

Each development shall provide adequate off-street parking for their customers, employees, and deliveries. Parking for one development shall not interfere with the parking, operations, and/or vehicular movement of another development.

Design Standard One

Applicable corridors – See table one (1)

Building orientation and entrances

1. All primary building entrances shall be accentuated through architectural treatments that enhance pedestrian orientation, such as recessed entrances, protruding entrances, canopies, porticos, overhangs, etc.
2. Blank facades shall not be permitted along any exterior where such facade is visible from a public or private right-of-way.
3. Any portion of a building facade that exceeds twenty-five (25) feet in length shall incorporate windows or architectural design elements to break up the expanse of wall and add visual diversity. Example elements include, but are not limited to windows, doors, lighting, material changes, articulated or sculptured wall surfaces or shadow

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lines, vertical accents, texture changes or color changes, commissioned murals by professional artists, or other architectural features.

Building materials & colors

1. Materials not-permitted to be incorporated into a building’s facade adjacent to public or private right of ways:
 - a. Painted concrete block
 - b. Asphalt shingles.
2. Materials that are encouraged to be used are:
 - a. Timber framing or structural elements - natural or artificial
 - b. Stone foundation, structure, or veneer - natural or artificial
 - c. Rough wooden siding - natural or artificial
 - d. Stucco
 - e. Glass – glazing and framing elements
3. Colors - Florescent and phosphorescent colors are prohibited.

Design Standard Two

Applicable corridors – See table one (1)

Building orientation and entrances

All primary building entrances shall be accentuated through architectural treatments that enhance pedestrian orientation, such as recessed entrances, protruding entrances, canopies, porticos, overhangs, etc. The front façade must be broken up using columns, an entrance portico, roof overhangs, or the like to avoid the appearance of a monolithic slab.

Facades

Facades facing a public or private right-of-way shall incorporate the following design elements:

Design element	Maximum allowable usage per facade
Timber framing or structural elements – natural or artificial	0-15%
Stone foundation, structure, or veneer –natural or artificial	0-20%
Rough wooden siding - natural or artificial	0-65%
Stucco	0-65%
Glass	0-65%
Any other materials	0-10%

Design standards pertaining to specified corridors in Oconee County

Table One - Applicable Corridors

Corridor	Design standard 1	Design standard 2
S.C. Highway 11		
Southern terminus to City of Walhalla municipal boundary	✓	
City of Walhalla municipal boundary to northern terminus.		✓
S.C. Highway 28		
Northern terminus to City of Walhalla municipal boundary	✓	
City of Walhalla municipal boundary to City of Seneca municipal boundary		✓
S.C. Highway 59**		
Intersection of S.C. Highway 24 to the boundary of the I-85 Overlay	✓	
S.C. Highway 76		
Western terminus to the City of Westminster municipal boundary	✓	
S.C. Highway 123		
City of Seneca municipal boundary to the Pickens County-line		✓
City of Seneca municipal boundary to City of Westminster municipal boundary		✓
City of Westminster municipal boundary to southern terminus	✓	
S.C. Highway 130		
City of Seneca municipal boundary to Town of Salem municipal boundary		✓
Town of Salem to northern terminus	✓	
S.C. Highway 183**		
City of Walhalla municipal boundary to S.C. Highway 188	✓	
S.C. Highway 188 to Eastern Terminus.		✓
S.C. Highway 188**		
Entire length		✓

***These routes were recommended by the Planning Commission subcommittee for Corridor Planning in addition to the corridors indicated by the Planning & Economic Development committee.*

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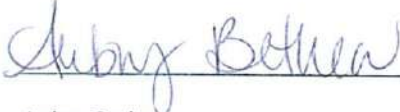
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