

1 Introduced by the Land Use and Zoning Committee:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2021-345-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SIGN WAIVER APPLICATION
6 SW-21-02 FOR A SIGN LOCATED IN COUNCIL
7 DISTRICT 5 AT 7061 OLD KINGS ROAD SOUTH,
8 BETWEEN GALICIA ROAD AND TOLEDO ROAD, AS
9 DESCRIBED HEREIN, OWNED BY 7061 S OLD KINGS
10 ROAD, LLC, REQUESTING TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF
11 A SIGN FROM 24 SQUARE FEET TO 30 SQUARE FEET,
12 AND TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM SETBACK FROM 20 FEET
13 TO 10 FEET, IN ZONING DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL
14 MEDIUM DENSITY-D (RMD-D), AS DEFINED AND
15 CLASSIFIED UNDER THE ZONING CODE; PROVIDING A
16 DISCLAIMER THAT THE WAIVER GRANTED HEREIN
17 SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN EXEMPTION FROM
18 ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS; PROVIDING AN
19 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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21 **WHEREAS**, an application for a waiver of requirements for
22 signs, **On File** with the City Council Legislative Services Division,
23 was filed by Safa Mansouri, on behalf of the owner of property
24 located in Council District 5 at 7061 Old Kings Road South, between
25 Galicia Road and Toledo Road (Subject Property), requesting to
26 increase the size of a sign from 24 square feet to 30 square feet,
27 and to reduce the minimum setback from 20 feet to 10 feet, in
28 Zoning District Residential Medium Density-D (RMD-D); and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Planning and Development Department has
30 considered the application and all the attachments thereto and has
31 rendered an advisory recommendation (Staff Report); and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Land Use and Zoning Committee, after due notice,
2 held a public hearing, and having duly considered both the
3 testimonial and documentary evidence presented at the public
4 hearing, has made its recommendation to the Council; and

5 **WHEREAS**, taking into consideration the above recommendations
6 and all other evidence entered into the record and testimony taken
7 at the public hearings, the Council has considered the criteria for
8 sign waivers pursuant to Sec. 656.133(c), *Ordinance Code*, and finds
9 that the request is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the
10 Zoning Code and should be approved; now, therefore

11 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

12 **Section 1. Sign Waiver Approved.** The Council has
13 considered the sign waiver criteria pursuant to Sec. 656.133(c),
14 *Ordinance Code*, the recommendation of the Land Use and Zoning
15 Committee, and has reviewed the Staff Report of the Planning and
16 Development Department concerning sign waiver Application SW-21-02
17 and finds that the waiver is in harmony with the spirit and intent
18 of the Zoning Code, considering the following criteria, as
19 applicable:

20 (1) The effect of the sign waiver is compatible with the
21 existing contiguous signage or zoning and consistent with the
22 general character of the area considering population, density,
23 scale, and orientation of the structures in the area;

24 (2) The result will not detract from the specific intent of
25 the Zoning Code by promoting the continued existence of
26 nonconforming signs that exist in the vicinity;

27 (3) The effect of the proposed waiver will not diminish
28 property values in, or negatively alter the aesthetic character of
29 the area surrounding the site, and will not substantially interfere
30 with or injure the rights of others whose property would be
31 affected by the same;

1 (4) The waiver will not have a detrimental effect on
2 vehicular or pedestrian traffic or parking conditions, or result in
3 the creation of objectionable or excessive light, glare, shadows,
4 or other effects, taking into account existing uses and zoning in
5 the vicinity;

6 (5) The proposed waiver will not be detrimental to the public
7 health, safety or welfare, and will not result in additional public
8 expense, creation of nuisances, or cause conflict with any other
9 applicable law;

10 (6) The Subject Property exhibits specific physical
11 limitations or characteristics which are unique to the site and
12 which would make imposition of the strict letter of the regulation
13 unduly burdensome;

14 (7) The request is not based exclusively upon a desire to
15 reduce the costs associated with compliance and is the minimum
16 necessary to obtain a reasonable communication of one's message;

17 (8) If the request is the result of a violation that has
18 existed for a considerable length of time without receiving a
19 citation, whether the violation that exists is a result of
20 construction that occurred prior to the applicant's acquisition of
21 the property, and not as a direct result of the actions of the
22 current owner;

23 (9) The request accomplishes a compelling public interest,
24 such as, for example, furthering the preservation of natural
25 resources by saving a tree or trees; and

26 (10) Strict compliance with the regulation will create a
27 substantial financial burden when considering cost of compliance.

28 Therefore, sign waiver Application SW-21-02 is hereby
29 **approved.**

30 **Section 2. Owner, Property and Sign Description.** The
31 Subject Property is owned by 7061 S Old Kings Road, LLC, and is

1 legally described in **Exhibit 1, attached hereto**, dated April 27,
2 2021, and graphically depicted in **Exhibit 2, attached hereto**. A
3 graphic depiction of the sign is in the application **On File** with
4 the City Council Legislative Services Division. The applicant is
5 Safa Mansouri, 2804 St. Johns Bluff Road, Jacksonville, Florida
6 32246; (904) 237-0884.

7 **Section 3. Notice.** Legislative Services is hereby
8 directed to mail a copy of this legislation, as enacted, to the
9 applicant and any other parties to this matter who testified before
10 the Land Use and Zoning Committee or otherwise filed a qualifying
11 written statement as defined in Section 656.140(c), *Ordinance Code*.

12 **Section 4. Disclaimer.** The sign waiver granted herein
13 shall not be construed as an exemption from any other applicable
14 local, state, or federal laws, regulations, requirements, permits
15 or approvals. All other applicable local, state or federal permits
16 or approvals shall be obtained before commencement of the
17 development or use and issuance of this sign waiver is based upon
18 acknowledgement, representation and confirmation made by the
19 applicant(s), owner(s), developer(s) and/or any authorized agent(s)
20 or designee(s) that the subject business, development and/or use
21 will be operated in strict compliance with all laws. Issuance of
22 this sign waiver does not approve, promote or condone any practice
23 or act that is prohibited or restricted by any federal, state or
24 local laws.

25 **Section 5. Effective Date.** The enactment of this
26 Ordinance shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of
27 the City Council and shall become effective upon signature by the
28 Council President and Council Secretary. Failure to exercise the
29 waiver, if herein granted, by commencement of the use or action
30 herein approved within one year of the effective date of this
31 Ordinance shall render this waiver invalid and all rights arising

1 therefrom shall terminate.

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3 Form Approved:

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5 /s/ Shannon K. Eller

6 Office of General Counsel

7 Legislation Prepared By: Bruce Lewis

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