Ordinance Summary
Off-Premise Signs

The ordinance proposes to amend Chapter XI, entitled "Signs" to provide that all signs shall be an accessory to a permitted use or structure on the site, excluding temporary signs, and to provide for off-premise signage on permitted ground signs.

Changes are shown as follows: Underline for additions to existing Code sections. The notation "* * *" shall mean that all preceding or subsequent text remains unchanged.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-51

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY CODE, APPENDIX E, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER XI, ENTITLED "SIGNS", TO AMEND SECTION 11.01.03, ENTITLED "PROHIBITED SIGNS" TO ALLOW OFF-PREMISE SIGNAGE AS AUTHORIZED; AMENDING CHAPTER XI, ENTITILED "SIGNS", TO CREATE A SUBSECTION TO BE ENTITLED "SIGNS SHALL BE AN ACCESSORY USE", TO REQUIRE ALL SIGNS, EXCLUDING TEMPORARY SIGNS, TO BE AN ACCESSORY TO A PERMITTED USE OR STRUCTURE; AMENDING CHAPTER XI, ENTITLED "SIGNS", TO CREATE A SUBSECTION ENTITLED "OFF-PREMISE SIGNAGE", TO PROVIDE FOR OFF-PREMISE SIGNAGE ON PERMITTED GROUND SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lake County Land Development Regulations contains regulations on signs; and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Regulations (LDR) currently prohibits the placement of off-premise signs in all zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, amending the LDR to allow off-premise signage under certain conditions would promote economic development within the County; and

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of August, 2013, the Planning & Zoning Board, in its capacity as the Local Planning Agency, considered this ordinance and recommended approval at a properly advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") desires to amend Chapter XI of the LDR, entitled "Signs", to allow off-premise signage as an accessory use to a permitted use or structure and on permitted ground signs;

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of September, 2013, this Ordinance was heard at a public hearing before the Lake County Board of County Commissioners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, that:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Amendment. Chapter XI, Lake County Code, Appendix E, Land Development Regulations, entitled "Signs", Section 11.01.00, entitled "General Provisions", shall be amended to read as follows (changes shown as: ~~Strikethrough~~ for deletions and Underline for additions to existing Code sections. The notation "* * *" shall mean that all preceding or subsequent text remains unchanged).

Chapter XI – Signs.

11.01.00 - General Provisions.

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11.01.03 Prohibited Signs. The following types of signs are prohibited in all zoning districts within Lake County:

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15. Off-premises signs, unless otherwise authorized by this Chapter.

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11.01.06 Signs shall be an accessory use. All signs, except temporary signs, shall be an accessory to a permitted use or structure on the site.

11.01.07~~6~~ Non-commercial Signs. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Chapter to the contrary, to the extent that this Chapter allows a sign containing commercial copy, it shall permit a non-commercial sign to the same extent. All non-commercial signs shall be considered on-site signs. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to regulate the content of the message displayed on any sign. All such lawful signs may display a non-commercial message in addition to, or in lieu of, any other message.

11.01.08 Off-premise Signage. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Chapter to the contrary, to the extent that this Chapter allows a ground sign, the placement of off-premise copy on the permitted ground sign(s) may be allowed.

11.01.09~~7~~ Freestanding Signs to be Ground Signs. All freestanding signs shall be ground signs. Ground Signs shall be designed such that all means of support are concealed. The width of such enclosed base shall be equal to at least one-half (½) the horizontal width of the sign surface.

11.01.10~~08~~ Site Plan Required. To ensure motorist safety, and to preserve and protect the visual beauty of the landscape, commercial, industrial and residential development applications shall have the request for new signage submitted in conjunction with the site plan for review and approval prior to the issuance of a development permit.

11.01.11~~09~~ Temporary Signs.

1. A temporary sign may be a ground, building or banner sign.
2. A temporary sign may not be an electric sign or portable sign.
3. A temporary sign shall not obstruct the visibility of a permanent on-site sign.
4. A temporary sign shall not be illuminated.

5. Temporary signs shall not be erected on vacant property unless associated with a temporary vendor's permit.
6. Temporary signs do not require engineering.

11.01.12~~0~~ Enforcement.

1. Prohibited signs on public property or rights-of-way shall be removed immediately, and may be removed by the County or its agents without notice.
2. Abandoned signs shall be removed by the owner or agent of the premises within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notification by the code enforcement officer or building official.

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Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase or the Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Inclusion in the Code. It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Lake County Code and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section", "article" or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

Section 5. Filing with the Department of State. The clerk shall be and is hereby directed forthwith to send a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Secretary of State for the State of Florida.

Section 6. Effective. This Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Enacted this 24th day of September, 2013.

Filed with the Secretary of State October 3, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Leslie Campione, Chairman

ATTEST:

Neil Kelly, Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners
of Lake County, Florida

Approved as to form and legality:

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County Attorney

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October 3, 2013

Honorable Neil Kelly
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Attention: Courtney T. Vincent, Senior Secretary

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge receipt of the electronic copy of Lake County Ordinance Nos. 2013-51, which was filed in this office on October 3, 2013.

Sincerely,

Liz Cloud
Program Administrator

LC/elr

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