

ORDINANCE NO. 81-21**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors passed and approved Ordinance No. 87-19 which adopted the Unified Development Ordinance on October 15, 2019, and,

WHEREAS, is it necessary to amend certain sections of the Unified Development Ordinance to provide clarity and remove conflict with other provisions of the municipal code; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the amendment and recommended on August 10, 2021, that changes be made; and,

WHEREAS, three (3) copies of September 2021 Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance have been on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Fort Smith for inspection and review by the public prior to the passage of this Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the September 2021 Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance include an amendment to allow visible directional signage within the Form-Based Code; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS THAT:


SECTION 1: The September 2021 Amendments to the Unified Development are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2: The codifier shall codify the adopted amendments by amending existing sections and by adding new sections of the UDO at the discretion of the codifier.

SECTION 3: It is hereby found and determined that the adoption of the amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance are necessary to alleviate an emergency created by the lack of regulation of uses of property within the City of Fort Smith so that the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City requires that the amendments be effective, and the amendments are hereby made effective, as of date of approval of the Ordinance.

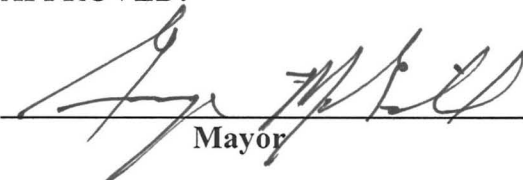
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF September, 2021.

ATTEST:



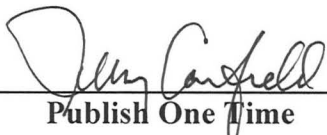
City Clerk

APPROVED:



Mayor

Approved as to form:



Publish One Time

**September 2021 Amendments
to the Unified Development
Ordinance**

**Fort Smith Downtown Form-Based Code
February 2, 2021**

Sign Type	Maximum Number	Maximum Area	Maximum Height	Minimum Setback	Other Standards
v. For sale, rent or lease sign	1 per tenant space (window) ; and 1 per site (freestanding)	32 sq.ft. per sign	6 feet for free standing signs	6 feet for free standing signs	1. Shall not block any sign triangles for driveways and streets
vi. Construction sign	1 per site (may be freestanding or sign attached to a wall or fence)	64 sq.ft.	6 feet for a freestanding sign	NA	
vii. Special event signs	1 per site	32 sq. ft. per sign	NA	NA	1. Shall be permitted to be placed no more than 4 weeks prior to the event and removed within 2 working days after the event
Exempt Signs					
i. City, state, or country flags					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate logos are not exempt
ii. Political signs					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall be removed immediately after the election
iii. Traffic control or safety sign					
iv. Wayfinding signs within the public right of way					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per any city or public agency plans
v. Directional signs internal to a site without visibility from any public street					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If adjoining any residential uses, lighting shall be minimally intrusive and directed away from residential uses to the extent possible.