

1 | **STAFF RECOMMENDED DRAFT**
2 | **ST. MARYS CITY COUNCIL**
3 | **ST. MARYS, GEORGIA**

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5 | At the regular meeting of the St. Marys City Council, held in the St. Marys City Hall, St. Marys,
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11 | John F. Morrissey, Mayor
12 | Robert L. Nutter, Councilman, Post 1
13 | Elaine Powierski, Councilwoman, Post 2
14 | Jim Gant, Councilman, Post 3
15 | David Reilly, Councilman, Post 4
16 | Sam L. Colville, Councilman, Post 5
17 | Linda P. Williams, Councilwoman, Post 6
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20 | On motion of _____, which carried _____, the
21 | following Resolution was adopted:
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23 | **St. Marys City Council**
24 | **Temporary Signs Resolution**
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26 | The City of St. Marys Mayor and Council resolves that Temporary Signs, following the provisions below,
27 | will be allowed in the Commercially Zoned Districts of the City and that this resolution will replace all
28 | temporary signage regulations within these districts:

29 | 1. Temporary Signs are to be permitted through the St. Marys Community Development Department at
30 | a cost of \$10.00 per sign. Each Temporary Sign will be permitted for a calendar year and will be given an
31 | adhesive permit sticker, indicating a unique identifier number, the date of expiration and City approval,
32 | which is to be placed on the sign, for administrative compliance.

33 | 2. Any parcel, with a single business, is allowed up to three (3) Temporary Signs, at any one time,
34 | through administrative approval, if the signs meet the following conditions:

35 | a. Feather signs (except in the Historic District and not part of a Special Event or Mobile Foods
36 | Operation), streamers, pennants or pre-approved banners shall not exceed 32 square feet in
37 | area.

38 | NOTE: banner locations in the Historic District, of which, at least one such location shall
39 | be guaranteed per business owner, shall be approved prior to administrative approval, through
40 | the Certificate of Appropriateness process identified in Chapter 62 of the St. Marys Municipal
41 | Code.

- 1 b. Sandwich board or A-Frame signs shall not exceed 8 square feet per sign face and shall be no
2 taller than four foot in height. Each sign, where possible, shall remain within ten feet of the main
3 point of entry to the establishment.
- 4 c. Push-in signs shall not exceed 6 square feet in area.
- 5 3. Any parcel, where there are multiple business tenants, is allowed two (2) Temporary Signs per tenant,
6 at any one time, through administrative approval, if the signs meet the conditions listed above under
7 item 2 and where no street frontage shall be allowed to have more than one Temporary Sign per 50-feet
8 of frontage.
- 9 4. Each downtown business is allowed one Median Sign, along Osborne St., at a cost of \$20.00 per sign
10 for one calendar year, through administrative approval, if they comply with the following conditions:
- 11 a. Sandwich board or A-Frame signs shall not exceed 8 square feet per sign face and shall be no
12 taller than four foot in height.
- 13 b. Median Signs shall be manufactured to a professional standard of construction, finish and
14 graphics. Signs cannot be painted in a style resembling traffic or construction signs.
- 15 c. Median Signs shall not be reflective, fluorescent or illuminated.
- 16 d. Median Signs shall not be allowed within six (6) feet of an intersection.
- 17 5. Special Events may allow more Temporary signage than permitted above, provided a Signage Plan,
18 including number, placement and duration of each sign, is presented to the Community Development
19 Department five (5) business days prior to the event and meets with the approval of the Community
20 Development Director. All Special Events signage is permitted for thirty consecutive days.
- 21 A. Off-site signage is only permitted through an approved Signage Plan under the following conditions:
- 22 i. Off-site Temporary Signs shall have written approval from the property owner, and be
23 attached to the application, and
- 24 ii. Off-site Temporary Signs shall comply with item 2, above; and
- 25 iii. Off-site Temporary Signs are limited to non-profit, religious, governmental or charitable
26 organizations
- 27 iv. Off-site Temporary Signs are limited to three (3) per city block.
- 28 B. Air or gas filled balloons or other inflatables are only permitted for Special Events and shall be no
29 larger than 300 cubic feet.
- 30 6. Brands, logos or business names located on café furniture, such as umbrellas, tables or chairs will not
31 be considered a 'sign'.
- 32 7. Signs shall not impede normal pedestrian traffic or handicap accessibility, leaving 48 inches for
33 thoroughfare.
- 34 8. All Temporary Signs that meet administrative approval under this Resolution are exempt from Historic
35 Preservation Commission Review (provided that all banners have HPC COA location approval).

- 1 9. Any Temporary Sign for a non-profit, religious, governmental or charitable organization, with an
- 2 approved Signage Plan, from the Community Development Director, shall be exempt from paying fees.
- 3 10. All Temporary Signs shall be maintained in good repair.
- 4 11. Temporary Sign permits will be issued as revocable permits meaning that the City may remove a sign
- 5 at its discretion for violation of any of the conditions listed above or violation of any other provision
- 6 within the sign ordinance or any other St. Marys ordinance.

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8 **NOW THEREFORE, be it approved by the Mayor and Council that the City of St. Marys adopts this**

9 **temporary sign ordinance resolution until Dec. 31, 2017, or until passage of Temporary Signage**

10 **Ordinance.**

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ST. MARYS CITY COUNCIL
ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

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JOHN F. MORRISSEY, MAYOR

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DEBORAH WALKER-REED, CITY CLERK
CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA

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