

ORDINANCE NO. C-25-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE III. – DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 47-22.8 ENTITLED “SPECIAL SIGN DISTRICTS”; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 47-22.8.2 ENTITLED “BROWARD COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER SPECIAL SIGN DISTRICT”, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER’S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, desires to amend Article III. – Development Requirements of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida Unified Land Development Regulations (“ULDR”), specifically Section 47-22.8. entitled “Special Sign Districts”; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board, acting as the local planning agency, at its meeting of April 16, 2025 (PZ Case UDP-T24011) found that the proposed text amendments for Section 47-22.8. of the ULDR are consistent with the City’s Comprehensive Plan and the Planning and Zoning Board did recommended approval of said proposed text amendments to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, notice was provided to the public that this ordinance would be considered at the City Commission meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, and Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 o’clock P.M., at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Mary N. Porter Riverview Ballroom, 201 S.W. 5th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Article III – Development Requirements of the ULDR, specifically Section 47-22.8. entitled “Special Sign Districts” is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 47-22.8. Special sign districts.

Merchants occupying sixty percent (60) or more of the street frontage of properties on both sides of a street in any area defined by such merchants may petition for the formation of

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a special sign district for such area. A committee of property owners or persons having the right of possession shall be chosen by such merchants to represent them, such committee to be limited to ten (10) members. Such committee shall comprise the governing body of the sign district and shall establish criteria for signs in the district, such criteria to be no less restrictive than the terms and conditions established by the ULDR. Such criteria may be recommended to the city commission for incorporation into the ULDR, and shall have no force or effect unless so incorporated. The city clerk shall give ten (10) days' notice to all owners or persons having the right of possession within the boundaries of such district that such criteria will be submitted to the city commission for incorporation into the ULDR. The city commission may, however, totally or partially reject any such criteria.

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Section 47-22.8.2 Convention Center Special Sign District.

- A. Location and Boundaries. The Convention Center special sign district is generally located on the south side of SE 17th Street Causeway between Eisenhower Boulevard and the Stranahan River, north of SE 22nd Street, and east of SE 14th Avenue, and is legally described as: A portion of Parcel A, according to the Plat of "Port Everglades Plat No. 2," as described in Plat Book 108, Page 31, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida.
- B. Special requirements. In addition to the existing signage and future signage for the individual parcels within the Convention Center Special Sign District pursuant to the requirements of Section 47-15.23 or Section 47-22 of the ULDR, the Convention Center Special Sign District is permitted to have one (1) digital message center sign to be placed on the face of the Convention and Visitors Bureau building located at the southeast corner of Eisenhower Boulevard and SE 17th Street Causeway. The digital message center sign shall be located 41 feet above ground level and limited to 12 feet in height and maximum, 704 square feet in area.
- C. Existing and future signage within Convention Center. It is the intent of the creation of this sign district to allow one (1) additional message center sign to provide information for events within the Convention Center Special Sign District, Hotel within the Convention Center Special Sign District and Port Everglades. Any future signage for individual parcels within the Convention Center Special Sign District shall continue to be governed by Section 47-15.23 or Section 47-22 of the ULDR, as applicable. Nothing

contained in this section 47-22.8.2 shall be construed to prohibit or impair signage, existing or future, for parcel within the Convention Center Sign District.

SECTION 2. CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS. The City intends that this Ordinance will be made part of the Code of Ordinance; that sections of this Ordinance can be re-numbered or re-lettered to accomplish codification and, regardless of whether this Ordinance is ever codified, the Ordinance can be re-numbered or re-lettered, and typographical errors that do not affect the intent can be corrected with the authorization of the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, without the need for a public hearing.

SECTION 3. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days from the date of final passage.

PASSED FIRST READING this 3rd day of June, 2025.

PASSED SECOND READING this ____ day of ____, 2025.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN