

ORDINANCE

Posting of Printed Matter and Placement of Signs

(A) The purpose of this ordinance is, among other purposes, designed to maintain the visual attractiveness of the county-owned Courthouse property, its environs, promote public safety, and most of all respect the area around which the monuments stand in honor of those veterans who have served and are serving our Country in the armed forces. The real property to which this ordinance applies is the square block where the Montgomery County Courthouse is located, with its perimeter being along East Main Street, Pearl Street, East Spring Street and South Main Street.

(B) *Posting of printed matter.* It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to post, nail, stick or otherwise affix bills, posters, advertisements, notices or any other printed or graphic matter upon the Courthouse property described above.

(C) *Placement of signs.* It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to place any sign upon the Courthouse property described above. The definition of signs will include the following descriptions:

Any words, lettering, numerals, parts of letters or numerals, figures, phrases, sentences, emblems, devices, designs, trade names or trade marks by which anything is made known, including any surface, fabric or other material or structure designed to carry such devices such as are used to designate or attract attention to an individual, a firm, an association, a corporation, a profession, a business, or a commodity or product, to include political signs, which are exposed to public view, and used to attract attention. This definition shall not include the flag, badge or insignia or any nation, state, county, city, town or other governmental unit. Also, included by definition are advertising signs, marquee signs, monument signs and portable signs. This ordinance shall not apply to notices, signs or advertisements required to be posted by law, municipal, county, state and federal traffic signs, historical markers, monuments or signs erected by public authority and signs denoting the location of underground utilities.

(D) *Penalty.*

(1) As a first remedy and courtesy, Montgomery County staff will remove any signs on the first offense.

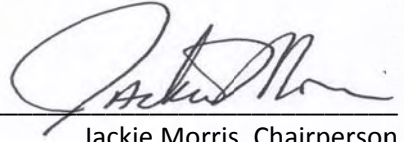
(2) The violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$50, or imprisonment of not more than 30 days. Each day that any violation of this ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(3) In addition to or in lieu of the penalty provisions set forth above, the violator may be subject to civil penalties and/or equitable remedies as permitted under state law.

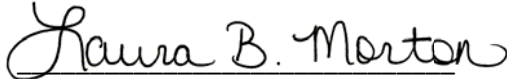
(4) Any act constituting a violation of the provisions of this ordinance or a failure to comply with any of its requirements shall subject the offender to a civil penalty of \$50 for each separate offense. If the offender fails to pay this penalty within ten days after being notified of a violation, the penalty may be recovered by the County in a civil action in the nature of debt. Each day that any violation continues after notification exists shall be considered a separate offense for purposes of the penalties and remedies specified in this section.

Approved this the 28th day of January, 2009.




Jackie Morris, Chairperson
Montgomery County
Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Laura B. Morton
Clerk to the Board