ORDINANCE NO. 4-2016

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2, TITLED "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, BY AMENDING THE FOLLOWING: ARTICLE II, TITLED "DEFINITIONS," TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION"; SECTION 3.27, TITLED "RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS," TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (H) PERTAINING TO MOVING COPY SIGNS; AND SECTION 14.10, TITLED "SIGNS FOR OFFICE-INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS," TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT MOVING COPY SIGNS SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE LINE OF MOVING COPY.

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge is continually reviewing the Zoning Ordinance to update provisions and make it more understandable to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the amendments will update the Zoning Ordinance to allow religious institutions to use moving copy signs (electronic message centers) based upon specific conditions that are designed to protect adjacent properties from any negative off-site impacts of such signs; and

WHEREAS, the following changes have been submitted for approval or disapproval to the Oak Ridge Municipal Planning Commission and the Commission has approved the same; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing thereon has been held as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2, titled "The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee," Article II, titled "Definitions," is hereby amended by adding the following new definition in alphabetical order, which new definition shall read as follows:

ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION: A building, together with its accessory buildings and uses, where persons regularly assemble for religious purposes and related social events, and which building, together with its accessory buildings and uses, is maintained and controlled by a religious body organized to sustain religious ceremonies and purposes.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 2, titled "The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee," Article III, titled "General Provisions," Section 3.27, titled "Religious Institutions," is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (h), titled "Moving Copy Signs," which subsection shall read as follows:

Section 3.27 Religious Institutions

(h) Moving Copy Signs:

1. In no instance shall the combination of the moving copy sign display area and the ground sign surface display area exceed thirty–two (32) square feet, excluding the name of the Religious Institution. Religious Institution name letters shall not exceed eighteen inches (18") in height. The combination of the moving copy sign display and the Religious Institution name may not exceed the height limitation of eight (8) feet.

2. Sign shall be located on streets with no less than 18,000 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) counts.

3. Sign is limited to legal lot on which Religious Institution is located and Religious Institution shall own property.

4. Shall be located no less than 200 feet from a legal lot of record which is zoned to accommodate a single-family attached or detached structure.

5. Shall be located no less than 100 feet from a legal lot of record which is zoned to accommodate a multi-family structure.

6. Religious Institution shall present a plan that identifies location of proposed sign in addition to "line of sight" from adjacent property.

7. This provision is limited to one moving copy sign per Religious Institution.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 2, titled "The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee," Article XIV, titled "Sign Regulations," Section 14.10, titled "Signs for Office-Institutional Districts," is hereby amended by deleting the second sentence in subsection 1.a.(3), which reads "The moving copy sign shall not exceed one (1) line of moving copy," without replacement.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the City of Oak Ridge requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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