

**AN ORDINANCE OF COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS
PROHIBITING THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS ON
CERTAIN COLORADO COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Colorado County Commissioners Court is aware of the need to adopt a written policy regarding placement of advertising signs on Colorado County property and premises; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado County Commissioners Court determined that there is a need to avoid the perception of partiality in political affairs and commercial endeavors as well as to preserve the historic and aesthetic character of the property, and this need requires the blanket prohibition of all political and advertising signs on the main courthouse building and its immediately surrounding lawn and walkways; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado County Commissioners Court believes its authority to institute such a prohibition curtails no more free speech than is necessary in order to achieve the goals of this ordinance, and it does not prohibit alternate methods of expressing free speech.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS:

Article I. Definitions

In this Ordinance "*sign*" means an outdoor display, device, figure, painting, drawing, message, plaque, poster, or other thing intended or used to advertise, endorse, or otherwise promote a political candidate or ideology or a commercial product or service.

Article II. Prohibition

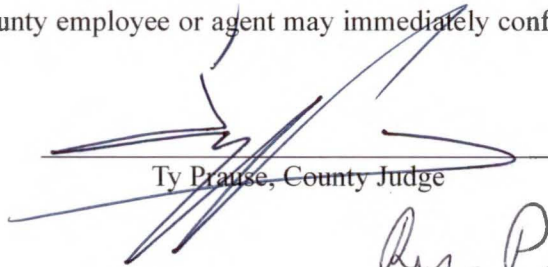
No sign may be placed on the Courthouse, the immediately surrounding lawn, grounds, walkways or parking areas without written permission from the Colorado County Commissioners Court.

Article III. Confiscation and Notice

Any authorized County employee or agent may immediately confiscate a sign in violation of this ordinance.



Shannon Owers, Commissioner Pct. 1



Ty Prause, County Judge



Ryan Brandt, Commissioner Pct. 2

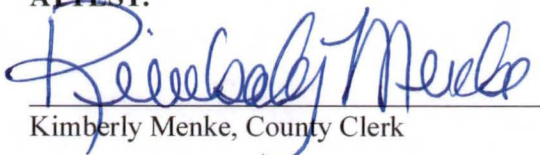


Keith Neuendorff, Commissioner Pct. 3



Darrell Gertson, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:



Kimberly Menke, County Clerk

