

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SIGNAGE IN THE RIGHT OF WAYS  
WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Austin, Arkansas find that the location and abandonment of signage in state and City right of ways within the City limits of the City of Austin should be restricted and controlled in order to protect public and private investment in the streets and highways and property of the City of Austin, and to promote the safety of the pedestrian and motoring public, and to preserve the natural beauty of the City of Austin and its locale, and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose and intent of this Ordinance is to promote the reasonable, orderly and effective use of signage of all varieties; and

**WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Austin finds that signage should be restricted to prevent interference with or distraction of the motoring and pedestrian traffic within the City

**NOW therefore be it ordained by the City Council of Austin, Arkansas**

**Section 1.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association to nail, staple, or otherwise attach or cause to be nailed, stapled, or otherwise attached any sign, poster, or billboard to any public utility pole, traffic signal or sign, or to any tree shrub, or other plant located upon the right of way.

**Section 2.** This ordinance does not apply to a warning, safety identification sign attached to a utility pole, or sign by a utility company, cooperative of the City of Austin.

**Section 3.** The Austin Police Department and Code Enforcement Department shall have authority in enforcing these regulations and may cause the removal of any sign that violates this ordinance or otherwise creates an obstruction of view or traffic concern.

**Section 4.** Any Person, firm, corporation, or association violating a provision of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) at the discretion of the court. Each day that any violation exists shall be considered a separate offense.

**Section 5.** Emergency. Whereas the setting of construction fees within the City of Austin is of great importance to its residents and the health and safety of its citizens, and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate protection of the public health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

