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NUMBER 44-2023

TITLE:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 210-30.9 ENTITLED MAIN STREET (CBD) SHOPPING DISTRICT – SIGNS, AWNINGS, CANOPIES, MARQUEES, SECURITY GATES AND FACADES (Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten & North Ward Councilmember Tency Eason)

WHEREAS, the City of Orange township finds it to be in the public interest to provide for the regulation of the installation and maintenance of security gates within the City of Orange Township.

WHEREAS, the typical security gate can last from 10 to 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the opaque metal gates are unattractive and easily vandalized; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the current gates will benefit beautifying our City’s landscape; and

WHEREAS, prior to effective date of January 1, 2024 it is directed that the Business Administrator and/or Buildings Department develop a program to alert affected businesses, chambers of commerce, and community boards of the new rules; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

SECTION 1. The foregoing whereas clause is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. CHAPTER 210-30.9 ENTITLED MAIN STREET (CBD) SHOPPING DISTRICT – SIGNS, AWNINGS, CANOPIES, MARQUEES, SECURITY GATES AND FACADES IS AMENDED.

Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

SECURITY GATE

A barrier, screen or cover located in front of or behind a door, window or other opening used for purposes of securing premises by preventing access or blocking passage to the interior of the premises.

12. Regulations governing security gates.

(a)

It shall be lawful to construct or install a security gate ~~over or across the property or structure.~~ All security gates shall be installed ~~either outside or inside~~ such nonresidential, commercial or industrial premises.

(b)

No security gate shall be solid or impermeable in nature Security gates shall be of a type commonly referred to as the grate or lattice type, with a minimum of 60-80% of the gate area being of see-through composition. All gates and accompanying hardware shall be of suitable materials and maintained in a state of good repair.

Applicability; nonconforming gates.

A. The provisions of this chapter shall apply only to security gates located in front of or behind doors, windows or other openings facing or fronting on a public road or highway located within a business district.

Restrictions.

- A. Upon passage of this Ordinance no solid metal barrier, screen or cover shall be erected or maintained in front of or behind doors, windows or other openings facing or fronting on a public road or highway located within a business district.**
- B. Between January 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025 all security gates within the Town shall meet the City Code.**
- C. Any business cited for having the incorrect gates will not have to pay fines if the violation is corrected within 90 days.**
- D. All security gates shall be of such a type as will not prevent the viewing of the interior of the premises from outside the premises.**

Permit required.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to commence work on the erection or alteration of or to erect, alter or maintain any security gate until a permit has been duly issued upon application therefor.**
- B. The Building Department shall require that the application for a permit shall be accompanied by a set of plans indicating the proposed location and dimensions of said security gate and a description of the type of said security gate.**
- C. No permit shall be issued until the Building Official has examined and approved, in writing, the proposed security gate as complying with all the provisions of this chapter.**
- D. Permits shall expire three (3) months following the date of issuance if no substantial work is begun and may be renewed upon written application to the Building Official.**

Fee

The fee for a permit for the erection, alteration or maintenance of a security gate shall be in the amount indicated in the City of Orange Township. Said fee shall be submitted at the time the

application is presented to the Building Department.

Penalties for offenses.

For each and every violation of the provisions of this chapter, the owner, general agent or contractor of a building or premises where such violation has been committed or shall exist, and the lessee or tenant of an entire building or entire premises where such violation has been committed or shall exist, and the owner, general agent, contractor, lessee or tenant of any part of a building or premises in which part such violation has been committed or shall exist, and the general agent, architect, builder, contractor or any person who knowingly commits, takes part in, allows or assists in any violation or who maintains any building or premises in which any such violation shall exist shall be guilty of a violation against this chapter, which violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.) or imprisonment for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both. Each day's continued violation shall constitute a separate and distinct additional violation.

Enforcement

It shall be the duty of the Building Official, and he is hereby given the power and authority, to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 3 Severability If any provision of this Ordinance or any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word or the application thereof, shall in any circumstance be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of any such provision, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word shall not be affected.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Note: Additions are shown as underlined. Deletions are shown as ~~strikethroughs~~.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the current security gates will benefit beautifying our City's center of town area.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Adopted:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President

Approved by:

Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. Mayor

Dated: _____

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE February 3, 1998NUMBER 2-98**TITLE:**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ORANGE OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, CHAPTER 210, ENTITLED ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT TO REGULATE CERTAIN USES AND REVISE CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR THE MAIN STREET SHOPPING DISTRICT - TO CONTROL SIGNS, AWNINGS, CANOPIES, MARQUEES, SECURITY GATES AND FACADES.

WHEREAS, Main Street is the City of Orange Township's principal shopping district, and;

WHEREAS, the City and the Main Street storekeepers and property owners have sought improvements to bolster the image of the district, and;

WHEREAS, the municipality has provided public parking lots adjacent to the shopping and commercial district, and;

WHEREAS, the municipality has made certain improvements to the sidewalks along Main Street, and;

WHEREAS, the municipality has completed a consultant study that recommended various design standards in a Main Street 2000 report, and;

WHEREAS, the municipality is desirous of improving the appearance of Main Street to attract shoppers from the community and beyond, and thus to improve the economy of the shopping district, and;

WHEREAS, the Main Street Shopping District begins at the border of East Orange and ends at the border of West Orange, and where the central business commercial zone generally extends about 300 feet to the north and south of Main Street and is considered as the C-2 Central Business zone which is the Main Street Shopping District; therefore

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the City of Orange Township has reviewed the "Main Street Shopping District" Ordinance of the Municipal Code; and;

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of proposed changes, additions and deletions, the Planning Board has recommended the Amendments to the "Development Regulations" Ordinance of the City of Orange Township, listed below:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of City of Orange Township which proposes a Main Street Shopping District ordinance to control all signs all security gates, new fixed awnings over storefronts, and improvements to the existing building facades that the following sections of Chapter 210, Zoning and Land Development be amended as follows:

