ORDINANCE NO. 838

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 568 AND SECTION 5.03.05(H) OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS RELATING TO “PERMISSIBLE TEMPORARY SIGNS” PARTICULARLY CONCERNING “POLITICAL SIGNS”; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR THE CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR THE LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

# **WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the

people of the City of Mexico Beach that this Ordinance be enacted, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA:

**Section 1.** Article V, “Signs,” Section 5.03.05 “Permissible Temporary Signs,” specifically Subsection “H” of the City of Mexico Beach Land Development Regulations dated April 13, 2010, is amended and shall from this point forward read as follows:

H. Political Signs. Political Signs are defined as any sign that requires a political disclaimer under Florida State Statute Chapter 106 and those signs supporting a political candidate, campaign, or legislative proposal/policy. Political Signs must meet the following standards.

(1). *Placement*. Signs shall be placed on private property only and with the permission of the property owner. The signs may be ~~placed back-to-back, or single face, but multiple signs of the same candidate shall not be placed within ten feet of one another, regardless of size~~ either single or double-faced but only one sign per political candidate and/or proposal/policy will be allowed on each parcel of property. All political signs shall be placed within ten feet of the closest wall of the primary structure on the property. The bottom of political signs shall be at ground level and are political signs are prohibited from being placed on poles, fences, buildings/structures, and any other object to elevate their height above ground level.

(2). *Dimensions.* Political signs shall not exceed ~~eight~~ four square feet per sign face and shall not exceed ~~five~~ four feet in sign height measured from the ground where it is placed.

(3). *Timelines for placement.* All political signs shall not be displayed prior to 90 days before the date of any election and shall be removed within ~~ten~~ five days following the end of any election cycle. If a primary or run off exists, only candidates or issues advancing will be allowed to continue sign placement.

**Section 2.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether for substantive, procedural, or any other reason, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 3**. The correction of typographical errors which do not affect the intent of the ordinance may be authorized by the City Clerk or the Clerk's designee, without public hearing.

**Section 4**. This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in order to effectively carry out the purposes hereof which are deemed not to adversely affect public health, safety, or welfare.

**Section 5**. All ordinances or parts of ordinances thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 6.**  This Ordinance shall take effect on September 1, 2024.

Introduced at the Regular Meeting of the City Council on the 9th day of July, 2024. Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the City Council on the 23th day of July, 2024.

CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA

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Richard Wolff, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Brunson, City Clerk

\*In this Ordinance, language added to an existing section is printed in underscored type, and language deleted is printed in ~~struck through type~~.\*