

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 95

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 703 ENTITLED "ADVERTISING AND SIGNS" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the Council Utilities and Streets Committee is recommending the revision of Chapter 703 of the Parma Heights Codified Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to adopt the recommendation of its Utilities and Streets Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

Section 1: That Chapter 703 of the Codified Ordinances as it previously existed is amended, and as amended, shall henceforth read as shown by edits set forth in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Section 2: This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date provided for by law.

PASSED: December 8, 2025 Thomas Rounds
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Barbara Allen December 8, 2025
CLERK OF COUNCIL APPROVED

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: December 8, 2025 MML
MAYOR MARIE GALLO

EXHIBIT A

CHAPTER 703

Advertising and Signs

703.01 Advertising on public property prohibited.

703.02 Safety requirements.

703.03 Modifications.

703.04 Exception.

703.05 Eyeglass advertising. (Repealed)

703.99 Penalty.

CROSS REFERENCES

Power to regulate - see Ohio R.C. 715.65

Fraudulent advertising - see Ohio R.C. 2911.41

Advertising on traffic devices - see TRAF. 313.07

Posting bills - see GEN. OFF. 642.05

Junk dealer's signs - see BUS. REG. 747.08

Signboard permits - see BLDG. 1325.07

Signs generally - see BLDG. Ch. 1383

703.01 ADVERTISING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY PROHIBITED.

No sign, advertising device or related structure, either temporary or permanent, commercial or private, shall be permitted, erected, placed or suffered to remain within, under or over any public way. For the purpose of this chapter, "public way" includes, but is not limited to, means any street, tree lawn, sidewalk or property owned either wholly or in part by the Federal, State, County or local government. All wiring, braces, lights, fixtures and other appurtenances attached to or used in connection with any sign, advertising device or related structure located in the public way shall be considered a part of the sign, advertising device or structure. (Ord. 1953-18. Passed 5-4-53.)

703.02 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

(a) All signs, advertising devices or related structures shall be so constructed and attached to withstand any usual or unusual force, stress, ~~strain~~ strain, or weight.

(b) No sign, advertising device or related structure permitted to be erected or maintained shall be used in any way or for any purpose which may endanger the public safety, ~~or~~ unreasonably disturb the public peace, health or welfare, and/or obstruct or impede pedestrian passage.

(Ord. 1953-18. Passed 5-4-53.)

703.03 MODIFICATIONS.

Cases of extreme hardship in the application of the provisions of this chapter shall be referred to the Board of Zoning Appeals for its investigation and decision. The Board is hereby authorized to modify the provisions of this chapter to suit particular circumstances. (Ord. 1953-18. Passed 5-4-53.)

703.04 EXCEPTION.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the erection of duly authorized signs or related structures by the Federal, State, County or local government. (Ord. 1953-18. Passed 5-4-53.)

703.05 EYEGLOSS ADVERTISING. (REPEALED)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Section 703.05 was repealed as part of the 1986 updating and revision of these Codified Ordinances.)

703.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both.