HAMBLEN COUNTY, TENNESSEE RESOLUTION TO REGULATE THE PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY SIGNAGE ON COUNTY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, signs provide an important medium through which individuals and organizations may convey a variety of messages; and

WHEREAS, signs can also create traffic hazards, aesthetic concerns and threaten the public health, safety and welfare of a community; and

WHEREAS, the Hamblen County Legislative Body desires to regulate the temporary freestanding signage placed on County property to prevent visual clutter and to maintain its historic appearance while providing for effective means of communication, consistent with constitutional guarantees; and

WHEREAS, it is not the County's purpose or intent of this resolution to regulate the message displayed on any sign placed on County property rather it is the intent of the County to limit temporary signs on County property by limiting their size, number, appearance, and frequency and time of display on County property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that any temporary signage placed on the grounds of the County Courthouse, Justice Center complex, Highway Department or Health Department must meet the following criteria:

- a) Only one sign per property is permitted to be displayed by an individual and/or organization authorized to display signage on the above County properties;
- b) The sign cannot exceed 8 square feet in size. When a sign contains two back to back sign faces, the sign area shall be computed using only one of the sign faces;
- c) The sign shall be displayed for a time period not to exceed 30 consecutive days and a total of 90 days in any one calendar year. There must be 30 days in between sign placements;
- d) Any signs announcing a social/special event shall be removed within 48 hours of the event;
- e) Sign placements must meet all applicable laws such as political preference signs must be placed a minimum of 100 feet from the entrance to a polling place.
- f) Each sign must be professionally printed. Hand-drawn or hand-painted signs are not permitted;
- g) Each sign must have affixed to it a sticker issued by the County Planning and Zoning office indicating that the person/organization responsible for the sign has registered it with the Planning and Zoning office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage on this the 20th day of March, 2014 and that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Legislative Body of Hamblen County which is in direct conflict with any provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

Stancil Ford, Chairman

Bill Brittain, Hamblen County Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Wilder, Hamblen County Clerk