

ORDINANCE NO. 08-29

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENACTING A EIGHT-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL BY LEON COUNTY OF ANY APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN OFF-SITE SIGN PERMITS TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR LEON COUNTY TO CONSIDER THE ENACTMENT OF FURTHER REGULATORY MEASURES CONCERNING THE LOCATION AND QUANTITY OF CERTAIN OFF-SITE SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Leon County has received many applications for site approval and construction of certain off-site signs, including billboards; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Leon County believes that the proliferation of off-site signs, including billboards, may be harmful to the health, safety and welfare of the general public in the unincorporated area of Leon County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Ordinance No. 07-15 on May 8, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, in reviewing the application of these new regulations on off-site sign, the County's staff has suggested further modifications be made; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County wishes to study and consider enactment of further revisions to the Leon County Code of Laws to regulate and continue to reduce the proliferation of certain off-site signs; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, hereby finds and declares that it is necessary and required that a temporary moratorium be imposed on the issuance of any permits, development orders or site and development plan approvals from, and including, October 14, 2008 through June 15, 2009, to allow sufficient time for the study and potential enactment of such additional regulations.

1 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON**
2 **COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

3 **Section 1.**

4 This is hereby enacted and imposed a temporary moratorium prohibiting the approval and
5 issuance of any further permits, development orders or site and development plan approvals by Leon
6 County for all off-site signs in the unincorporated area of Leon County which exceed 100 square feet
7 in size. This moratorium does not apply to any applications for such off-site signs which are on file
8 with Leon County and which application was complete on or before October 14, 2008. This
9 moratorium on the issuance of such permits and development orders shall continue through 11:59 p.m.,
10 local time, on April 15, 2009.

11 **Section 2.**

12 The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, finds that a temporary
13 moratorium is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of Leon County and shall serve to protect
14 the health, safety and welfare of said citizens and residents to allow the necessary research and
15 deliberative time for the consideration, and potential enactment of, regulations concerning the
16 proliferation and reduction of the quality of certain off-site signs.

17 **Section 3. Conflicts.**

18 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are
19 hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, except to the extent of any conflicts with the
20 Tallahassee-Leon County 2010 Comprehensive Plan, as amended, which provisions shall prevail over
21 any parts of this ordinance which are inconsistent, either in whole or part, with the said Comprehensive
22 Plan.

