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ORDINANCE NO. 0-03-08

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT TO REQUIRE STRUCTURAL MEMBERS TO COUNT AS PART OF THE AREA OF MONUMENT SIGNS AND TO REMOVE ARCHITECTURAL EMBELLISHMENTS FROM THE WIDTH VARIANCE REQUIREMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:**

**WHEREAS;** the intent of the sign section of the Design Overlay District Ordinance was to maintain stringent controls on both the signs and their supporting structures along those overlay districts, and;

**WHEREAS;** it is desirable to allow a limited amount of architectural embellishments on the top of such monument signs that are not subject to the width variance restrictions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS:**

**Section 1:** That Section 1., D. Site Design and Development Standards, 5. Signage of the Design Overlay District Ordinance adopted by Ordinance Number 0-00-167 on December 28,2000 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"5. Signage – Free standing signs in this overlay district shall be no more than sixty-four (64) square feet in area per side, and no more than eight (8) feet in height. *All supporting and attached structure and appurtenances located above ground shall be counted as part of the allowed area.* A sign shall have no more than four (4) readable sides. These shall be "monument" signs meaning no horizontal dimension of any face of the sign may deviate more than 20% through its entire height. *However, such monument signs shall be allowed architectural embellishments on the top of the sign that are subject to the 20% width variance limitation only when such variance exceeds the average width of the remainder of the sign, but such embellishments shall be counted as part of the allowed height of the sign and shall not comprise more than 20% of the total height of the sign.* No front setbacks from property lines for free standing signs shall be required in this overlay district. All signs shall otherwise adhere to the Conway Sign Ordinance."

**Section 2:** That all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of that conflict.

**Section 3:** That this ordinance is necessary for the protection of the public peace, health and safety, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this 28th day of January, 2003.

APPROVED:

Tab Townsell

Mayor Tab Townsell

ATTEST:

Michael O. Garrett

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett