

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 94-5, 94-406, 94-407, 94-408, 94-409, 94-410, 94-411, 94-412, 94-413, 94-414, 94-213 and 94-283 OF CHAPTER 94 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WALKER, REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF SIGNAGE, SIGN REGULATIONS AND PERMITTING AND SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS AND SITE PLAN REVIEW.**

**THE CITY OF WALKER ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Amendment of Section 94-5 - DEFINITIONS.**

The definition of "Signage" is hereby added to the definitions in Section 94-5 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Walker ("City Code"), to be inserted in Section 94-5 in alphabetical order, to read as follows:

***SIGNAGE:***

*Canopy/ awning / marquee sign* means a sign that is mounted on, painted on, attached to or imbedded within a canopy, awning or marquee.

*Community entrance sign* means a ground-mounted sign with the sole purpose of displaying the name of the associated residential development. Background artwork is an accepted component of a community entrance sign.

*Directional sign* means signs limited to directional messages, principally for vehicular or pedestrian traffic, such as "drive thru" "entrance" or "exit."

*Freestanding / pylon sign* means any sign that is mounted on a freestanding pole or other support.

*Ground-mounted sign* means signs, not including freestanding / pylon signs, in which the entire bottom of the sign is in contact with or is close to the ground and is independent of any other structure.

*Wall-mounted sign* means signs fastened to or painted on the wall of a building in such a manner that the wall becomes the supporting structure for, or forms the background surface of, the sign.

**Section 2. Amendment of ARTICLE XIV. SIGN REGULATIONS.**

ARTICLE XIV. SIGN REGULATIONS, in Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Walker (“City Code”), is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 94-406. Purpose, Intent and General.**

- a. **Purpose.** The purpose of these regulations is to promote the use of signs in the City of Walker that are safe, aesthetically pleasing, compatible with their surroundings and legible in the circumstances in which they are seen. These regulations recognize the need for a well maintained and attractive physical appearance of the community balanced with the need for adequate business identification for the conduct of competitive commerce. These regulations are also intended to reduce sign and advertising distractions for drivers, which might otherwise create public health and safety hazards. Finally, these regulations seek to reduce the visual clutter that may arise over time due to excessive signage.
- b. **Permits Required.** A sign permit shall be required for the erection, use, construction or alteration of all signs except those exempted herein. For purposes of this section, “alteration” shall not mean changing the sign copy to promote, advertise, or identify another use, the normal maintenance of a sign, or changing the text of reader boards.
- c. **Sign Measurement.** Except as otherwise expressly provided for in this article, all signs shall comply with the following requirements:
  1. The area of a sign shall be measured as the area within a single, continuous perimeter composed of any straight-line geometric figure which encloses the extreme limits of writing, representation, emblem, logo, or any other figure of similar character, together with any frame or other material or color forming an integral part of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the background against which it is placed, excluding only the structure necessary to support the sign.
  2. The area of a freestanding sign that has two or more faces shall be measured by including the area of all sign faces. However, if two such faces are placed back-to-back and are of equal size and are no more than two feet apart at any point, the area of the two back-to-back faces shall be counted as one face. If the two back-to-back faces are of unequal size, the larger of the two sign faces shall be counted as the one face.
  3. The height of a freestanding sign shall be measured as the vertical distance from the highest point on the sign to the grade of the adjacent street or parking lot, whichever is spatially closer to the sign.
- d. **Design, Construction and Location Standards.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Article, all signs shall comply with the following requirements:
  1. All signs shall be properly maintained so as not to become unsightly through disrepair or as a result of the weather.

2. Sign supports, braces, guys, and anchors shall be maintained in such a manner as not to cause a public safety hazard.
3. Signs shall be constructed to withstand all wind and vibration forces that can be normally expected to occur in the vicinity, per the standards of the Michigan Building Code.
4. Subject to subsection (8) below, signs and billboards shall be internally or externally illuminated. The source of the illumination shall be enclosed, shielded and directed to prevent light from shining onto a public street or residence.
5. A light pole or other supporting member shall not be used for the placement of any sign unless the building official determines that such pole or supporting member is specifically designed for such use and all building code and other applicable structural and safety requirements are satisfied.
6. A sign shall not be erected in any place where it may, by reason of its position, shape, color, or other characteristics, interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal, or device, or constitute a nuisance per se.
7. No sign or its supporting mechanism shall project into or be placed within the right-of-way of a street.
8. There shall be no flashing, blinking, scrolling or intermittent illumination on any sign provided however, that electronic reader boards are permitted, provided that the electronic message shall not scroll and shall not change more often than once every thirty (30) seconds.
9. No sign shall interfere with the clear vision area of any highway, street or road, or at the intersection of two or more streets, or at the intersection of a sidewalk or improved public street and a driveway.
10. No sign or sign component shall move, other than minor elements of clocks or thermometers.
11. All signs are subject to the applicable height regulations noted in this Article.

**Sec. 94-407. Permitted signs and signboards.**

(a) Except as provided in Section 94-413, no signs or signboards shall be constructed or located in any district except those signs which:

- (1) Offer to sell or lease the premises on which they are located;
- (2) Identify the owner or occupant of the premises and/or his trade or profession;
- (3) Relate to the sale of products on the premises or services performed by the occupant thereof;

- (4) Are owned or located by the government of the United States, or any state or subdivision thereof, or any public official acting in his official capacity;
- (5) Contain noncommercial messages, including, by way of example, political and social messages;
- (6) Are community entrance signs as permitted in Section 94-409 of this Article; or
- (7) Have a total area of its largest exposed surface of six square feet or less.

(b) The board of zoning appeals shall have the authority to permit the construction of signs and signboards which do not conform to the requirements of this article if it shall find, after public hearing, that the facts and conditions mentioned in this chapter relative to variances exist in such case.

(c) The regulations in this Section and Section 94-406 apply to all signs except where the regulations in this Article establish more stringent requirements, in which case the latter shall apply.

**Sec. 94-408. Nonconforming signs and billboards.**

All signs and billboards shall conform to the regulations as set forth in this article and its amendments. Any sign or billboard not conforming shall be deemed a nonconforming use and shall be subject to the provisions in Article VI of this Chapter, except that Section 94-138 shall not apply to signs and billboards.

**Sec. 94-409. Signs in Residential districts.**

- (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, signs or billboards erected or used on a lot in an AA, A, A-2, SA, S, ARM, ARM District One, RMT Residential, RPUD-1, RPUD-2 district, or the residential portion of a MPUD district, including signs not permanently affixed to a building or structure, shall not aggregate more than six square feet in area, exceed three feet in height, shall be set back at least four feet from any street right-of-way; and shall comply with Sections 94-406 and 94-407.
- (b) A single community entrance sign may be permitted in an AA, A, A-2, SA, S, ARM, ARM District One, RMT Residential, RPUD-1, RPUD-2 district or the residential portion of a MPUD district. The community entrance sign shall be in compliance with section 94-406; shall be limited to a ground-mounted sign, not to exceed twenty four (24) square feet in area; shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from the street right-of-way line; shall not exceed four (4) feet in height; shall not exceed two (2) feet in width as measured from face-to-face; and shall be constructed primarily from carved wood, brick, stone, wrought iron, terra cotta, glazed tile or similar decorative material in order to reflect and enhance the residential character of the area.
- (c) Signs for churches and public or private schools in AA, A, A-2, SA, S, ARM, ARM District One, RMT Residential, RPUD-1, RPUD-2 district, or the residential portion of an MPUD

district, shall be limited to a single ground-mounted sign not to exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area; shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from the street right-of-way line; shall not exceed four (4) feet in height, shall not exceed two (2) feet in width as measured from face-to-face; shall be constructed primarily from carved wood, brick, stone, wrought iron, terra cotta, glazed tile, in order to reflect and enhance the residential character of the area; and shall be limited to the standards found in Section 94-409 (b) for community entrance signs.

- (d) Reader boards are not permitted in residential districts, except for churches and schools, whereupon signs with reader boards shall be subject to the standards found in Section 94-409 (c).

**Sec. 94-410. Signs in Mixed Use and Commercial districts.**

- a. This section applies to all signs within a C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, CPUD and the non-residential portions of a MPUD district, except as otherwise noted in this Ordinance.
- b. A lot shall only be allowed one freestanding / pylon sign or one ground-mounted sign, not one of each type of sign.
- c. Freestanding / pylon signs shall comply with the following requirements:
  - 1. Freestanding / pylon signs shall display the street address numbers of the site(s) to which they principally relate. The street address numbers shall be legible from the associated street.
  - 2. Only one freestanding / pylon sign is allowed per lot.
  - 3. Freestanding / pylon signs shall be allowed one (1) square foot in area for each one (1) lineal foot of front building wall, subject to the following:
    - i. The front building wall will be that considered when determining the front building setback.
    - ii. For corner lots, the front building wall will be that facing the street that carries the most average daily traffic.
    - iii. For development sites involving 100,000 square feet of building area or less, the maximum permitted total area for a freestanding / pylon sign is 80 square feet, regardless of front building wall length.
    - iv. For development sites involving more than 100,000 square feet of building area, the maximum permitted total area for a freestanding / pylon sign is 120 square feet, regardless of front building wall length.

4. Freestanding / pylon signs and their supporting mechanisms shall be in compliance with section 94-406 and shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from any lot line.
  5. No freestanding / pylon sign shall exceed a maximum height of twenty (20) feet, as measured according to Section 94-406 (c) (3).
  6. No freestanding / pylon sign shall exceed two (2) feet in width, as measured from face-to-face.
  7. The supporting mechanism(s) of a freestanding / pylon sign shall not exceed 30% of the overall width of the sign.
  8. Freestanding / pylon signs shall have only structural support in the area between the ground surface immediately below the sign and eight (8) feet above the ground.
  9. If the structural support mechanisms of a sign consists of more than one pole, a pole cover may be used to cover each such support pole, provided that in no case shall the horizontal distance between a pole cover and another pole cover, or between a pole cover and any uncovered pole or other structural support, be less than three feet, as measured between the closest points of adjacent pole covers or uncovered supports.
  10. No freestanding / pylon sign shall be permitted on the same lot as a billboard unless the freestanding sign is not visible from the traveled portion of a freeway or the freestanding sign is located more than 500 feet from the billboard. The minimum distance between billboards shall be governed by subsection 94-413.
- d. Ground-mounted signs shall comply with the following requirements:
1. Ground-mounted signs shall display the street address numbers of the site to which they principally relate. The street address numbers shall be legible from the associated street.
  2. Only one ground-mounted sign is allowed per lot.
  3. Ground-mounted signs and their supporting mechanisms shall not exceed six (6) feet in height or forty-eight (48) square feet in area.
  4. Ground-mounted signs and their supporting mechanisms shall comply with Sections 94-406 and 94-407 and shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from any lot line.
  5. No ground-mounted sign shall exceed two (2) feet in width as measured from face-to-face.

6. The supporting mechanism(s) of a ground-mounted sign shall consist of a block, brick or textured concrete base with the street address numbers presented in a manner legible from the adjacent street.
- e. Wall-mounted signs shall comply with the following requirements:
1. Wall-mounted signs shall be allowed one (1) square foot in area for each two (2) lineal feet of front building wall, subject to the following:
    - i. The front building wall is that considered when determining front building setbacks.
    - ii. For corner lots, the front wall will be that facing the street that carries the most average daily traffic.
    - iii. For development sites involving 100,000 square feet or less of building area, the maximum permitted total area for wall-mounted signage is 80 square feet, regardless of front building wall length.
    - iv. For development sites involving more than 100,000 square feet of building area, the maximum permitted total area for wall-mounted signage is 120 square feet, regardless of front building wall length.
    - v. The aggregate area of wall-mounted signs on multi-occupant buildings shall not exceed the limitation in this Section (see 1, 1(iii), and 1(iv)). The area of wall-mounted signs for each occupant or tenant of a multi-occupant building shall not exceed one (1) square foot for each two (2) lineal feet of front building wall occupied by such occupant or tenant.
    - vi. Wall-mounted signs are only allowed on the front building wall, except that buildings on corner lots may be allowed wall-mounted signs on both walls facing streets. However, wall-mounted signs shall not face a residential zoning district unless the district and the building are separated by a public or private street or another non-residential zoning district. Wall-mounted signs placed on corner lot buildings shall not exceed the square footage permitted per Section 94-410 (e).
    - vii. Wall-mounted signs may be permitted on non-front building walls or non-corner lots for property adjacent to I-96, US-131 or I-196. Such wall-mounted signage shall be subject to review and approval by the City of Walker Planning Commission. Such wall-mounted signage square footage shall apply towards the amount granted per Section 94-410 (e).
- f. Directional signs are permitted subject to the following restrictions:
1. Directional signs may contain a logo of an on-premise establishment, but no advertising text or copy.

2. Directional signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area or three (3) feet in height, and shall be setback at least five (5) feet from any lot line.
  3. Directional signs shall be limited to traffic circulation and parking control functions.
  4. Directional signs shall be limited in number to one sign per onsite driveway plus two additional onsite signs. An increase in the number of signs exceeding these standards shall be reviewed and approved by the City of Walker Planning Commission.
- g. Canopy, awning and marquee signs are permitted subject to the following restrictions:
1. Canopy, awning and marquee signs shall be illuminated by either shielded external light fixtures or internal light fixtures that do not project a glare or create a visual hazard on adjacent streets, service drives or residences.
  2. Canopy, awning and marquee signs shall be included in the square footage calculations for wall-mounted signs as described in Section 94-410 (e).

**Sec. 94-411. Signs in Office and Industrial districts.**

- a. This section applies to all signs within an ORP, ML, MH, MP or IPUD district.
- b. Freestanding / pylon signs are not allowed.
- c. Ground-mounted signs shall comply with the following requirements:
  1. Ground-mounted signs shall display the street address numbers of the site(s) to which they principally relate. The street address numbers shall be legible from the associated street.
  2. Only one (1) ground-mounted sign is allowed per lot.
  3. Ground-mounted signs and their supporting mechanisms shall not exceed six (6) feet in height or forty-eight (48) square feet in area.
  4. Ground-mounted signs and their supporting mechanisms shall be in compliance with section 94-406 and shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from any lot line.
  5. No ground-mounted sign shall exceed two (2) feet in width as measured from face-to-face.

6. The supporting mechanism(s) of a ground-mounted sign shall consist of a block, brick or textured concrete base with the street address numbers presented in a manner legible from the adjacent street.
- d. Wall-mounted signs shall comply with the following requirements:
1. Wall-mounted signs shall be allowed one (1) square foot in area for each two (2) lineal feet of front building wall, subject to the following:
    - i. The front building wall is that considered when determining front building setbacks.
    - ii. For corner lots, the front wall will be that facing the street that carries the most average daily traffic.
    - iii. For development sites involving 100,000 square feet or less of building area, the maximum permitted total area for wall-mounted signage is 80 square feet, regardless of front building wall length.
    - iv. For development sites involving more than 100,000 square feet of building area, the maximum permitted total area for wall-mounted signage is 120 square feet, regardless of front building wall length.
    - v. The aggregate area of wall-mounted signs on multi-occupant buildings shall not exceed the limitation in this section (see 1, 1(iii), and 1(iv)). The area of wall-mounted signs for each occupant or tenant of a multi-occupant building shall not exceed one square foot for each two lineal feet of front building wall occupied by such occupant or tenant.
    - vi. Wall-mounted signs are only allowed on the front building wall, except that buildings on corner lots are allowed wall-mounted signs on both walls facing streets. However, wall-mounted signs shall not face a residential zoning district unless the district and the building are separated by a public or private street or another non-residential zoning district. Wall-mounted signs placed on corner lot buildings shall not exceed the square footage permitted per Section 94-411 (d).
    - vii. Wall-mounted signs may be permitted on non-front building walls or non-corner lots for property adjacent to I-96, US-131 or I-196. Such wall-mounted signage shall be subject to review and approval by the City of Walker Planning Commission. Such wall-mounted signage square footage shall apply towards the amount granted per Section 94-411 (d).
- e. Directional signs are permitted subject to the following restrictions:

1. Directional signs may contain a logo of an on-premise establishment, but no advertising text or copy.
  2. Directional signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area or three (3) feet in height, and shall be setback at least five (5) feet from any lot line.
  3. Directional signs shall be limited to traffic and parking control functions.
  4. Directional signs shall be limited in number to one sign per onsite driveway plus two additional onsite signs. An increase in the number of signs exceeding these standards shall be reviewed and approved by the City of Walker Planning Commission.
- f. Canopy, awning and marquee signs are permitted subject to the following restrictions:
1. Canopy, awning and marquee signs shall be illuminated by either shielded external light fixtures or internal light fixtures that do not project a glare or create a visual hazard on adjacent streets, service drives or residences.
  2. Canopy, awning and marquee signs shall be included in the square footage calculations for wall-mounted signs as described in Section 94-411 (d).

**Sec. 94-412. Nonstructural signs.**

A sign or signboard which is not permanently affixed to a building or structure shall have a total area of its largest exposed surface of not more than 16 square feet if the sign is located in a C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, ORP, ML, MH, MP, CPUD, MPUD or IPUD district. A sign or signboard which is not permanently affixed to a building or structure shall have a total area of its largest exposed surface of not more than six (6) square feet if the sign is located in an AA, A, A-2, SA, S, ARM, ARM District One, RMT Residential, RPUD-1 or RPUD-2 district. All signs or signboards not permanently affixed to a building or structure shall:

- (1) Be located in compliance with section 94-406;
- (2) Comply with the setback requirements of section 94-409 if located in an AA, A, A-2, SA, S, ARM, ARM District One, RMT Residential, RPUD-1 or RPUD-2 district;
- (3) Comply with the setback requirements of Section 94-410 if located in a C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, CPUD or MPUD district and with the setback requirements of Section 94-411 if located in an ORP, ML, MH, MP IPUD district;
- (4) Be firmly anchored in the ground or to tie-downs; and
- (5) Be constructed and fastened to supports capable of withstanding a minimum of ten pounds of pressure per square foot of the area of the sign.

The provisions of this section shall apply to all signs not permanently affixed to a permanent building or structure, notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary.

**Sec. 94-413. Billboards.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, billboards shall be permitted within 100 feet of a freeway on property in IPUD, ML, MH, or MP zoning districts, subject to the following regulations:

- (1) Each billboard shall not exceed a height of 35 feet above grade.
- (2) Each billboard shall be located a minimum distance of 500 feet from residential zoning districts and a minimum distance of 500 feet from all existing residences.
- (3) Each billboard shall be located a minimum distance of 1,000 feet from any other billboard facing the same direction of traffic on either side of the freeway within the City of Walker. For purposes of this subsection, the distance between billboards on opposite sides of the freeway shall be measured as the distance between the points at which lines drawn perpendicular to the freeway from the location of each billboard intersect with a line along the center of the freeway.
- (4) Each billboard shall be located a minimum distance of 500 feet from all other freestanding signs which are located on the same side of the freeway within the City of Walker and are visible from the traveled portion of the freeway; provided, however, that the minimum distance between billboards shall be governed by subsection (3).
- (5) Each billboard shall have a minimum setback of two (2) feet from the freeway.
- (6) The area of a sign panel on a billboard shall not exceed three (3) square feet for each one (1) foot between the billboard and the nearest property line that intersects the property line abutting the freeway; provided, however, that the width of each sign panel on a billboard shall not exceed 14 feet and the length of each sign panel on a billboard shall not exceed 48 feet and, provided further that, notwithstanding the preceding provisions, irregularly shaped sign extensions not exceeding three (3) percent of the area of a sign panel may extend beyond the perimeter of a sign panel on a billboard.
- (7) No billboard shall contain more than one (1) sign panel facing the same direction of traffic on the freeway.
- (8) No billboard shall contain more than two (2) sign panels.
- (9) The light rays of an illuminated billboard shall be cast directly upon the billboard and shall not be visible to motorists on the freeway except as reflected from the billboard.
- (10) The sign area limitations in sections 94-410 and 94-411 shall not include the area of billboards permitted by this section.

(11) Billboards shall be permitted in MP districts pursuant to all other requirements of this section, subject to the following:

a. If a development plan has been approved for an industrial park, billboards shall be permitted provided that the development plan and restrictive covenants are first amended pursuant to section 94-182;

b. If a development plan has not been approved for an industrial park, a billboard shall be permitted provided that the owner of the property submits a written statement to the planning commission that either the billboard shall be included in the development plan and restrictive covenants when the property is developed for an industrial park or the billboard shall be removed prior to the development of the property as an industrial park.

(12) Each billboard shall comply with section 94-406.

(13) No billboard shall be erected unless a building permit has been issued therefore by the building inspector.

(14) A billboard shall not be constructed within the freeway and shall not be constructed on any private property located between the boundary lines of the freeway, including, without limitation, railroad rights-of-way, utility easements, and other property owned or leased by railroads, utility companies, or any other private parties.

(15) DELETED.

#### **Sec. 94-414. Temporary construction site signs.**

In addition to the signs otherwise permitted by this article, temporary construction site signs are permitted in any zone district subject to the following provisions:

(1) *Number of signs permitted.* One (1) temporary construction site sign is permitted for each street frontage of a development project, except that one (1) additional sign may be erected on any frontage which is in excess of 500 lineal feet. Separate street frontages shall not be combined for purposes of computing total frontage. A temporary construction site sign permitted in connection with one (1) street frontage shall not be placed on any other frontage.

(2) *Location.* Temporary construction site signs shall be located in compliance with section 94-406. Further, temporary construction site signs shall not be located nearer to a right-of-way line than one-half the minimum yard setback required for the principal building on the lot.

(3) *Height.* A temporary construction site sign shall not exceed 12 feet in height measured from ground level at the base of the sign.

(4) *Area.* The total area of the largest exposed surface of a temporary construction site sign shall not exceed 48 square feet, except that in connection with the construction of not more than one single-family dwelling or of not more

than one two-family dwelling, the total area of the largest exposed surface of a temporary construction site sign shall not exceed 16 square feet.

(5) *Installation and construction.* Temporary construction site signs which are not affixed to a building or structure shall be firmly anchored in the ground and shall be constructed and fastened to supports capable of withstanding a minimum of ten pounds of pressure per square foot of the area of a sign.

(6) *Removal.* Unless the board of zoning appeals after public notice and hearing finds that a reasonable need for continued use of the sign exists and an absence of injurious effect on contiguous property is shown, temporary construction site signs shall be removed upon the earlier of the following:

- a. Completion of the construction of a project;
- b. Issuance by the building inspector of a certificate of occupancy for all or any portion of a project; or
- c. Within two years of the date of final plat approval where the development involves platted lots, whichever occurs first.

**Section 3. Amendments of ARTICLE VIII. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.**

ARTICLE VIII. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, in Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Walker (“City Code”), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 94-213 (2) – Preliminary Area Site Plan Submittals

Add - “q. Freestanding / pylon, ground-mounted and wall signage plans, showing all setbacks and dimensions and describing all exterior construction materials.”

Section 94-213 (6) – Final Area Site Plan Submittals

Amend - “15. Freestanding / pylon, ground-mounted and wall signage plans, showing all setbacks and dimensions and describing all exterior construction materials.”

**Section 4. Amendments of ARTICLE X. SITE PLAN REVIEW REGULATIONS.**

ARTICLE X. SITE PLAN REVIEW REGULATIONS, in Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Walker (“City Code”), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Site Plan Review Chapter - Section 94-283 (9):

(9) *Signs* . The size and location of signs should be considered in relation to signs on adjacent sites, and shall be located to avoid impairment of traffic safety and the visibility of motorists. Every sign shall be proportionate in its design and in its visual relationship to buildings and surroundings as an accessory use to onsite structures. Every sign shall be designed as an integral architectural element of the building(s) and site(s) to which it principally relates.

**Section 5. Severability.**

The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 6.      Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in a newspaper in general circulation within the City of Walker.

First reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert J. VerHeulen, Mayor

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Sandra A. Wisniewski, City Clerk