

RESOLUTION NO. 7787

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY NEW APPLICATIONS FOR ANY ELECTRONIC SIGNS IN THE CITY OF OXFORD.

WHEREAS, Chapter 1151 of the Codified Ordinances of Oxford, Ohio (the “OCO”) regulates signage in the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, OCO Section 1151.02 (i)(3) requires that all signs in the City of Oxford, except for those signs specifically excluded in OCO Section 1151.02(i)(4)(A) through (N), require a permit; and

WHEREAS, OCO Section 1151.03 (d)(5) specifically prohibits moving signs, flashing signs, and animated signs; and

WHEREAS, with some limited exceptions as set forth in the OCO, signs with direct illumination are specifically prohibited in the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, it has come to Council’s attention that there are provisions in OCO Chapter 1151 (“Signs”) that need to be clarified and updated; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently in the process of conducting a comprehensive Codified Ordinance review and rewrite for the purpose of aligning the Code with the Comprehensive Plan and new technologies since the last comprehensive Code rewrite; and

WHEREAS, City Council seeks to impose a moratorium up through and including December 31, 2026, on the acceptance of any new applications for electronic signs in the City of Oxford, commencing as of the effective date of this Resolution, to review the Codified Ordinances of Oxford, Ohio and make any revisions necessary thereto to clarify and update regulations concerning signage in the City; and

WHEREAS, as used herein, “electronic signs” includes electronic, electronic changeable copy signs, electronic billboards, and electronic message boards; light emitting diode (LED) digital signs or billboards; electronic flashing signs; electronic signs with movement or scrolling parts; electronic animated signs.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1: City Council hereby imposes a moratorium up through and including December 31, 2026, on the acceptance of any new applications for electronic signs, as that term is defined above.

SECTION 2: City staff is hereby directed to decline and refuse to accept any new applications for the issuance of permits for electronic signs during the moratorium time period specified above.

- SECTION 3: With the exception of any applications that may currently be pending, no permits shall be issued for electronic signs in the City of Oxford up through and including December 31, 2026.
- SECTION 4: The City's Community Development Director and Law Director are hereby directed to thoroughly review Chapter 1151 ("Signs") of the OCO in order to recommend to Council any changes that need to be made thereto to clarify and update that Chapter.
- SECTION 5: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were done in an open meeting of this Council, and that any and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including, but not limited to, Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- SECTION 6: This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after the date of its passage.


MAYOR

ADOPTED: FEBURARY 3, 2026

ATTEST:



CLERK OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
INTRODUCED BY: MICHAEL SMITH

PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)