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CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

Planning Commission

ORDINANCE 98 - 18(A)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER,
ALASKA AMENDING THE SIGN CODE, CHAPTER 21.60 OF THE HOMER
CITY CODE, REGARDING FREESTANDING SIGNS

WHEREAS, the current sign code was adopted in 1990 and last amended in 1993; and,

WHEREAS, in recent years there has been much new commercial development in
Homer, and one of the more rapidly developing areas of the city has been in the CBD, generally
near the Homer Bypass section of the Sterling Highway, with several new commercial
establishments now constructed or planned for construction; and,

WHEREAS, the influx of commercial development is accompanied by the erection of
commercial signs, which generally detract from the pleasing aesthetic nature of Homer and the
Homer Bypass, and the erection of tall signs and signs on poles has proven to be especially
unattractive; and,

WHEREAS, a more pleasing visual effect can be achieved if the signs are generally
shorter and, in the area of the Homer Bypass, not erected on poles; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter at the
September 2, 1998 meeting, as required by Homer City Code, Chapter 21.70 and for
these and other considerations recommended approval of this sign code change.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That paragraph of Table 2 of Homer City Code Section 21.60.060(b)(1)
pertaining to freestanding signs shall be amended to read to as follows:

Only 1 freestanding sign is allowed per zone lot. Except as provided in the
following sentence, freestanding signs may not exceed 75 square feet in area, nor may
they exceed ~~25~~ 20 feet in height or the height of the primary building on the zone lot,
whichever is lower. In that portion of the CBD described in subsection 21.48.030(m), a
freestanding sign shall be limited to a ground sign only, which may not exceed 34 square
feet in area or five feet in height. and other than ground signs may be used so that the
base of the sign may be at least at adjacent street level .

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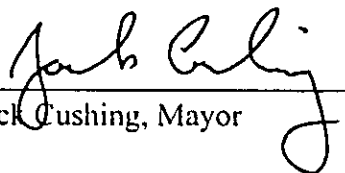
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49 Section 2. A new definition is hereby added to HCC 21.60.040 (definitions)
50 to read as follows:

51 Ground sign. A ground sign is a freestanding sign that is placed directly
52 on the ground and is not supported by poles, columns, beams or any other
53 structure protruding from the surface of the ground, other than a
54 foundation or solid base.
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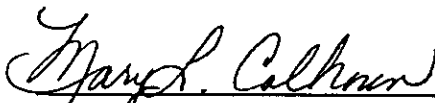
56 Section 3. This ordinance is of a permanent and general character and shall be included
57 in the City code

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59 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA, this
60 12th day of October, 1998.

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62 CITY OF HOMER

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66 Jack Cushing, Mayor

67 ATTEST:

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71 Mary L. Calhoun, CMC, City Clerk

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73 Fiscal Note: Not Applicable

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75 AYES: 4

76 NOES:

77 ABSTAIN: 0

78 ABSENT: 1

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80 First Reading: 9-14-98


81 Public Hearing: 9-28-98

82 Second Reading: 10-12-98

83 Effective Date: 10-13-98

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85 Reviewed and approved as to form:

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89 Val Koeberlein, City Manager

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89 Gordon J Tans, City Attorney