



# CITY OF CLAY PUBLIC NOTICE

The appearance of a city affects its economic vitality, property values and overall quality of life. Regulation of signs improves the appearance of a community and helps to maintain its character. A revised City of Clay sign ordinance was adopted in December 2010 (Ordinance 2010-02). Many basic provisions remain the same as the previous ordinance. Revisions include allowance for increased size and height of permanent signs, as well as needed clarifications.

Below is a brief overview of the revised sign ordinance. The full ordinance is available at [www.clayalabama.org](http://www.clayalabama.org) and the city hall. Please see that your current and future signs are in compliance. If there are questions, call 680-1223.

Our city's appearance continues to improve and we want to thank residents and the business community for their civic pride, cooperative spirit and willingness to work together.

**No signs on the public right of way or other public property** – All signs, with the exception of governmentally authorized signs, are prohibited on public rights of way, including on poles and trees, and other public property.

**Residential signs** – Subject to size, height, number and location. Most residential signs are temporary and subject to provisions under Section N, page 23, of the ordinance. Yard sale signs must be on premises at which yard sale is held and removed within 48 hours after sale.

**Permanent and other commercial signs** – Subject to size, height, number and location and building material requirements. A permit must be obtained from the city before placement of any permanent sign. The allowable size and height of permanent signs have been increased.

**No off-premise signs** – Signs not relating to the property on which they are located are prohibited.

**Limitations on portable and other temporary signs** – All portable and other temporary signs, such as portable marquee, A-frame and banner signs, are subject to size, height, number, location and time limitations.

On-premise portable marquees are limited to a 21-day period for new businesses and organizations while awaiting a permanent sign.

On-premise A-frame signs are allowed during hours of operation within 25 feet from entrance.

**Abandoned signs** – Signs that are no longer applicable to the property on which they are located must be removed within 30 days. The property owner is responsible for removal.

**Sign maintenance** – Property owners are responsible for ensuring that signs are maintained in good condition.

**Penalties** – After a reasonable period of publicity, penalties set out in ordinance will be imposed.