

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-109, AS AMENDED**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SIX (6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY NEW SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORE(S) IN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO TO CONSIDER INCORPORATING THE PROPOSED ADDITIONS INTO THE CURRENT ZONING CODE AS OUTLINED BELOW BEFORE ENACTING THEM AS PART OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, The City of Findlay Zoning Department in cooperation with the Hancock Regional Planning Commission, City Planning Commission, and the Planning and Zoning Committee of Council are desirous of implementing a six (6) month moratorium on the establishment of any new small box discount store(s) before potentially amending them in the Zoning Code Ordinance and enacting it as part of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Findlay, Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, this Council does deem it prudent and necessary to authorize said six (6) month moratorium as earlier defined.

SECTION 1: That six (6) month moratorium on the establishment of any new small box discount store(s) be defined as follows:

**DEFINITIONS.**

- Small Box Discount Store – A retail sales use with a floor area less than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet that offer for sale a combination and variety of convenience shopping goods and consumer shopping goods: and continuously offer a majority of the items in their inventory for sale at a price less than ten dollars (\$10.00). Small box discount stores do not include retail stores that: contain a prescription pharmacy; sell gasoline or diesel fuel; primarily sell specialty items or a specific type of product.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Findlay, State of Ohio:

SECTION 2: That the aforementioned definitions of a moratorium be and the same are hereby established for six (6) months and will be reviewed and determined before potentially enacting as part of the City of Findlay Zoning Code as part of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Findlay, Ohio.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance be and the same is hereby approved and adopted by this Council and shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL *Pro-tem*  
  
*Active* MAYOR

PASSED November 7, 2022

ATTEST Denise De Vora  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED November 7, 2022