

ORDINANCE 2026-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MILLINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 14
ZONING AND LAND USE CONTROL, CHAPTER 24, SIGN ORDINANCE, TO
INCLUDE LANGUAGE REGARDING MURALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 13-7-201 through 13-7-204 the City of Millington is empowered to adopt a Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map and provide for its administration and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen deem it necessary, for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the City to amend said Ordinance to revise language concerning mural definitions and construction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 13-7-203 and 13-7-204, on December 15, 2025, the Millington Planning Commission did review at a duly advertised public hearing and recommend approval of the proposed amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Millington, Tennessee, the Millington Zoning Ordinance be amended to add the following language:

14-2403: (63) “Mural” A work of visual art, such as a painting, fresco, or mosaic, applied directly to or affixed to an exterior wall or surface, visible to the public, and not intended as a sign for commercial advertising purposes.

14-2405: (4) Murals:

(a) The Planning Commission shall review all mural applications and approve, deny, or request modifications based on compliance with this ordinance. A non-refundable application fee of \$300 shall be paid at the time of submission, unless waived for public art projects sponsored by the City.

(b) Design:

(i) Murals shall not contain obscene, indecent, or offensive content, as defined by Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-17-901.

(ii) Murals shall not function as signs or advertise commercial products, services, or businesses, as defined by the City’s zoning ordinance.

(iii) Murals shall be designed and installed to withstand weather conditions and not pose a safety hazard. Murals shall not cover required ingress and egress points on the proposed structure or cover designated safety elements of the structure.

(iv) Murals are permitted on exterior walls of buildings or structures, provided they do not face a residential zoning district unless approved by the Planning Commission.

(v) Murals on public property require approval from the Planning Commission.

(vi) Murals shall not cover more than 75% of the wall surface unless approved by the Planning Commission.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon its second and final passage.

Public Hearing:

First Reading: January 12, 2025

Final Reading:

Larry Dagen, Mayor

Karen Findley, City Clerk