

**CITY OF NEW BUFFALO
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
(Ordinance No. 277)**

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of New Buffalo held on November 7, 2025, beginning at 6:36 p.m., a motion was made by City Council Member Robertson and was seconded by City Council Member Gear to enact and adopt the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 6, SECTION Z6-06(A)
OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW
BUFFALO, MICHIGAN, TO EXTEND THE ALLOWED TIME TO
DISPLAY TEMPORARY SIGNS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES.**

THE CITY OF NEW BUFFALO (the “City”) ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment to Article 6, Section Z6-06(A) of the New Buffalo Zoning Ordinance.
That Article 6, Section Z6-06(A) of the New Buffalo Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

A. General standards temporary signs.

1. Temporary signs requiring a permit.

a. Single-tenant building. A maximum of two permitted temporary signs, as permitted per district in Table 6-04(B), may be displayed concurrently on a lot with a single-tenant building.

b. Multi-tenant building.

[1] A maximum of one permitted temporary sign, as permitted per district in Table 6-04(B), may be displayed per unit on a lot with a multi-tenant building concurrently.

[2] In no instance shall more than two freestanding temporary signs be displayed concurrently.

2. Display period. No temporary sign shall be displayed on any one lot or parcel for more than 30 consecutive days for any one permit period and no more than two non-consecutive display periods shall be allowed for any lot or parcel during any calendar year. However, on a lot or parcel in a nonresidential or mixed-use district for which a building permit has been issued but on which construction related to such building permit is incomplete, one temporary freestanding sign may be displayed for not more than 12 months, or until issuance of the initial occupancy permit, whichever shall occur first. If

construction is still incomplete after 12 months, the display period may be extended by the City Manager for good cause.

3. Temporary freestanding signs. Temporary freestanding signs shall include ground-mounted banner, feather, post, and yard signs.
 - a. Temporary freestanding signs shall be securely anchored into the ground or secured in a portable base designed for such function.
 - b. Temporary freestanding signs shall be maintained in good condition and shall not sag, lie on the ground, be torn, or otherwise kept in a disorderly state.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Section 3. Conflict.

- A. Nothing in this Ordinance will be construed in such a manner so as to conflict with existing City ordinances except as otherwise explicitly stated herein.
- B. Nothing in this Ordinance will be construed in such a manner so as to conflict with any State law.

Section 4. Savings Clause. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any article, chapter, paragraph, sentence, or clause is declared void or inoperable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not void any or render inoperable other part or portion of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance is effective 7 days following its publication in the manner required by the City Charter, or 20 days after its enactment, whichever is later.

The vote to approve and enact this Ordinance was as follows:

YEAS: Knoll, Lijewski, Robertson, Gear, Price

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 277 IS ADOPTED AND ENACTED.

CERTIFICATION

We certify that the above is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the City Council for the City of New Buffalo on the date and time specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

By _____
Vance Price
Mayor, City of New Buffalo

By _____
Amy Fidler
Clerk, City of New Buffalo

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