

ORDINANCE NO. 3690

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, TEMPORARILY EXTENDING THE GRAND OPENING SIGNAGE PERMIT PERIOD AND ALLOWING AN ADDITIONAL GRAND OPENING SIGNAGE PERMIT ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 106 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- WHEREAS,** the City of North Richland Hills, Texas is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-08 mandating social distancing restrictions in Texas due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and
- WHEREAS,** on March 2, 2021, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-34 removing COVID-19-related operating limits for businesses in the State of Texas effective March 10, 2021, including the City of North Richland Hills; and
- WHEREAS,** the North Richland Hills City Council has determined that measures should be taken to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 to the North Richland Hills business community; and
- WHEREAS,** the North Richland Hills City Council now desires to temporarily extend the grand opening signage provision as set forth in Chapter 106 of the North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances following the effective date of Executive Order GA-34 on March 10, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein into this Ordinance.
- SECTION 2.** The period of time for a business to utilize the grand opening signage provisions established in Section 106-13(c)(10)(a) of Chapter 106 of the City of North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances shall be temporarily extended to November 1, 2021.
- SECTION 3.** This waiver of the standard time period to utilize a grand opening sign permit shall be applied to new businesses in the City of North Richland Hills that were issued certificates of occupancy between February 18, 2020 and March 10, 2021.

SECTION 4. Businesses that qualify based on the date range described in Section 3 and have already utilized their grand opening sign permit are eligible for one additional grand opening sign permit to be issued on or before November 1, 2021.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Richland Hills, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 7. All rights and remedies of the City of North Richland Hills are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances in the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Richland Hills that have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 26th day of April, 2021.

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

By: _____
Oscar Trevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Richardson, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Maleshia B. McGinnis, City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Clayton Comstock, Director of Planning