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WHEREAS, on the 14th day of September, 1982, City Council of Wallis, Texas, enacted Ordinance #73; and

WHEREAS, it appears such ordinance had certain provisions contrary to the best interest of the City of Wallis and its citizens and certain proposed changes and versions were carefully reviewed and considered by the City Council and it was found such changes and revisions setout below are necessary to best serve the interests of said citizens and the City.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AND APPROVED that the existing Ordinance #73 be and is revised and amended as follows:

(A) Article III-A and III-B are hereinafter deleted and struck from Ordinance #73.

(B) The following provisions are enacted and approved as an amendment to the said ordinance:

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- 2) Owners of temporary or permanent signs must regularly mow, clean and neatly maintain their sign or signs as well as the grounds around said sign consisting of all of the maximum area within (10) feet of the sign from any point

of said sign. Upon the failure by owner to properly maintain the sign and/or the immediate area surrounding the sign, the City will either maintain the area as is necessary and will bill the owner for all actual costs plus a penalty fee of \$50.00 per incident of cleaning or maintenance by the City and/or, alternatively, the City may remove the sign and cancel the permit, and the City shall not be required to return said sign to the owner.

- 3) Said owners who are local Civic, Charitable, Church, and/or Service Organizations are exempted from payment of any fees for their signs. However, they must obtain a permit and shall maintain the sign and the immediate surrounding area in accordance with this ordinance and comply with all other provision of this ordinance and be subject to the same action by the City in the event of their failure to comply herewith. Signs to be placed by such organization for advertising a specific event may be placed not sooner than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the event and must be removed by owner within ten (10) days after event is over. Failure to comply herewith shall constitute a violation of the ordinance and shall be subject to \$25.00 penalty and fine per incident, per day.
- 4) Exemptions:
  - (a) Temporary signs in place less than four (4) days (shall be exempt from obtaining a permit and/or paying a fee.)
  - (b) Signs may be placed on privately owned property if same is not a public nuisance, public health hazard and obscene as defined by United State Supreme Court. Such signs must be located ten (10) feet off of any public right-of-way. Private property is all property not owned or controlled by governmental entities and/or rail road or other public transportation company.
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