

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA**  
**Emergency Ordinance 09-12**

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<b>Introduced By:</b>	<b>Mayor Roy G. Hale</b>
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	<b>August 25, 2009</b>
<b>Date Adopted:</b>	<b>August 25, 2009</b>
<b>Date Effective</b>	<b>August 25, 2009</b>

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1 **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE** concerning

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3 **Extension of Temporary Moratorium on Enforcement of Certain Sign and Fee Regulations**

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5 **FOR** the purpose of extending temporary moratoria, for a certain duration of time, upon the  
6 enforcement of certain regulations regarding the placement, location and duration of  
7 certain temporary signs in the CB, CBT and CH zoning districts, and upon the payment  
8 of certain fees for the issuance of certain sign permits; providing for the effective date of  
9 this Ordinance and the termination of the moratoria established by this Ordinance; and all  
10 matters generally related to the extension of a temporary moratorium upon the  
11 enforcement of certain regulations relating to certain temporary signs in the Town of  
12 La Plata.

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15 **WHEREAS**, after giving consideration to the adverse effects of the economic downturn  
16 on businesses in the Town of La Plata, and to give the Town Council time to evaluate the  
17 efficacy of certain Town regulations relating to certain temporary signs, in order to assist Town  
18 business during and after the holiday season, on December 16, 2008, the Town Council adopted  
19 and made effective Emergency Ordinance 08-25 to impose a temporary moratorium upon the  
20 enforcement of certain Town regulations relating to the placement of, location of, duration of,  
21 and payment of fees for the issuance of permits for, certain temporary signs in the CB, CBT and  
22 CH zoning districts in the Town of La Plata; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, after giving consideration to the continued adverse effects of the economic  
25 downturn on businesses in the Town of La Plata, and evaluating the efficacy of certain Town  
26 regulations relating to certain temporary signs, in order to continue to assist Town business  
27 during and after the holiday season, on March 31, 2009, the Town Council adopted and made  
28 effective Emergency Ordinance 09-5 to extend the temporary moratorium upon the enforcement  
29 of certain Town regulations relating to the placement of, location of, duration of, and payment of  
30 fees for the issuance of permits for, certain temporary signs in the CB, CBT and CH zoning  
31 districts in the Town of La Plata, said extension of the temporary moratorium to end on or before  
32 June 30, 2009; and

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34 **WHEREAS**, after giving consideration to the continued adverse effects of the economic  
35 downturn on businesses in the Town of La Plata, and evaluating the efficacy of certain Town  
36 regulations relating to certain temporary signs, in order to continue to assist Town business

37 during and after the holiday season, on June 23, 2009, the Town Council adopted and made  
38 effective Emergency Ordinance 09-10 to extend the temporary moratorium upon the  
39 enforcement of certain Town regulations relating to the placement of, location of, duration of,  
40 and payment of fees for the issuance of permits for, certain temporary signs in the CB, CBT and  
41 CH zoning districts in the Town of La Plata, said extension of the temporary moratorium to end  
42 on or before August 29, 2009; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, the Town Council declared their intention to continue to suspend  
45 enforcement of certain provisions of Town Code as they pertain to “banners,” off-site “banners”  
46 and off-site sandwich board signs in the CB, CBT and CH zoning districts, and to any associated  
47 applicable permit fee, for certain periods to end on or before February 28, 2010; and

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49 **WHEREAS** the Town Council declared their intention to allow “banners” and sandwich  
50 board signs to be displayed on off-site property in the CB, CBT and CH zoning districts, subject  
51 to the permission of the owner of such off-site property, for a period to end on or before  
52 September 30, 2009; and

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54 **WHEREAS**, the Town Council declared their intention to temporarily extend the time  
55 that one banner is allowed to be displayed per business or organization in the CB, CBT, and CH  
56 zoning districts for a period to end on or before February 28, 2010, whichever first occurs; and

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58 **WHEREAS**, the Town Council declared their intention that banners in excess of a single  
59 banner displayed at a time per business or organization in the CB, CBT, and CH zoning districts  
60 be subject to all provisions of the La Plata Town Code, including permit requirements, fees, and  
61 limits on numbers of banners and duration of display after September 30, 2009; and

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63 **WHEREAS**, after receiving the recommendations of the La Plata Business Association  
64 and the La Plata Design Review Board, the Town Council agreed to extend utilization of the  
65 moratoria on enforcement of certain provisions. Now, therefore:

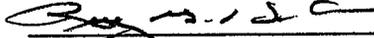
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67 **SECTION 1: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF**  
68 **LA PLATA** that the temporary moratorium is extended as follows:

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70 1. As used in this ordinance a “banner” is a temporary sign defined in Section 191-  
71 61 of the La Plata Town Code and that has an area of not more than 32 square feet, and a  
72 “sandwich board” is a type of sign defined in Section 191-61 of the La Plata Town Code.  
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74 2. The moratoria established by this Ordinance apply to banners and sandwich board  
75 signs located or to be located on properties within the CB, CBT and CH zoning districts.  
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77 3. There is hereby imposed a moratorium upon the enforcement of the provisions of  
78 Chapter 191 of the La Plata Town Code so that the following will not be deemed to be a  
79 violation for the duration of this moratorium:

123 **ADOPTED** August 25th, 2009.

**SEAL:**

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA**

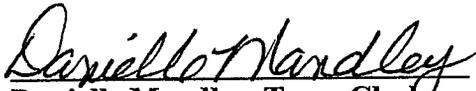
  
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**Roy G. Hale, Mayor**

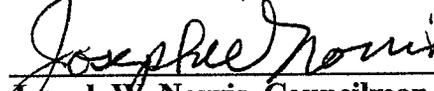
  
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**R. Wayne Winkler, Councilman**

  
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**C. Keith Back, Councilman**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Paretta D. Mudd, Councilwoman**

  
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**Danielle Mandley, Town Clerk**

  
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**Joseph W. Norris, Councilman**

**Date:** 8/25/09

**EXPLANATION:**  
CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.  
~~Strike Out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.