AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALLSVILLE, TEXAS, PROHIBITING THE PLACEMENT OR DISPLAY OF BILLBOARDS AND LARGE SIGNS IN, ALONG OR ON ANY PUBLIC STREET RIGHT OF WAY IN THE CITY OF HALLSVILLE, TEXAS; SETTING OUT PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hallsville, Texas, finds that the placement of billboards or large signs in, on or visible from any public street right of way in the City of Hallsville creates an immediate threat and danger to the public by decreasing visibility of the operators of motor vehicles or diverting the attentions of the operators of motor vehicles from safe methods of operation; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY CUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALLSVILLE, TEXAS:

Sec. 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Hallsville, Texas.

Sec. 2. Prohibition

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or display any billboard or sign with dimensions in excess of 3' X 6' in, on, along, or clearly visible from, any highway, street or street right of way in the City of Hallsville, Texas, unless prior to its placement or display the Mayor of the City of Hallsville, or his designee, and the City Marshal for the City of Hallsville, approve the location, design, and safety of the billboard or sign in writing and certify that its placement or location will not have a detrimental effect on the operation of any motor vehicles in the City of Hallsville, Texas, or otherwise cause any danger to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Hallsville, Texas.

Sec. 3. Penalties

Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine or not more than \$200.00 per offense, with each separate date of violation constituting a separate offense.

Sec. 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon and after its final passage and publication as required by law.

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PASSED AND APPROVED the 14th day of JUNE ,2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED the _____ day of ______ ,2005.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY