

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-11-136

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF URBANA**

(To add Section IX-10, Interim Development Ordinance, Moratorium on Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures - Plan Case No. 1768-T-00)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois adopted Ordinance No. 9293-124 on June 21, 1993 consisting of a Comprehensive Amendment to the 1979 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, also known as the Urbana Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Article IX of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance, Comprehensive Sign Regulations, includes as an intent of regulating signs, to protect and enhance the physical appearance of the community and the scenic value of the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, a number of Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures (OASS) have been constructed recently in the Champaign-Urbana area that call into question their compliance with the above stated intent of the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana intends to conduct a comprehensive review of OASS regulations to address these concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council on November 20, 2000 approved a motion to authorize a temporary moratorium on OASS permits; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Zoning Administrator has submitted a petition to amend the Urbana Zoning Ordinance in order to create a 180 day moratorium on the issuance of permits for Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Development Ordinance submitted to the Urbana Plan Commission includes the following objectives: 1) To preserve and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City by preventing the erection of new OASS which conflict with the intent of the Zoning Ordinance;

2) To determine whether new technology in the OASS industry has made current regulations inadequate or obsolete; 3) To ensure that permitting procedures are adequate to determine that proposed OASS are in complete compliance with regulations; 4) To establish aesthetics criteria for OASS including placement, landscaping, dimensions of appurtenances, and color and design in context of surrounding properties; and 5) To prevent disproportionate increase in OASS permit requests that could occur as a result of IDO passed by the City of Champaign; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2000, the Urbana Plan Commission voted 8-0 to recommend approval of Plan Case 1768-T-00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana is hereby amended by adding a new Section IX-10 to be titled "Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures Moratorium" which provides as follows:

**Section IX-10. Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures Moratorium**

**A. Statement of Purpose** - The purposes of the regulations contained in this Article are:

1. To preserve and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City by preventing the erection of new OASS which conflict with the intent of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. To determine whether new technology in the OASS industry has made current regulations inadequate or obsolete.
3. To ensure that permitting procedures are adequate to determine that proposed OASS are in complete compliance with regulations.

4. To establish aesthetics criteria for OASS including placement, landscaping, dimensions of appurtenances, and color and design in context of surrounding properties.
5. To prevent disproportionate increase in OASS permit requests which could occur as a result of proposed IDO for City of Champaign.

**B. Boundaries** - All property within the City limits in all zoning districts which currently permit the construction and operation of an OASS. As set forth in Table IX-5 of this Zoning Ordinance, these areas are along FAP or FAI routes in areas zoned B-3 (General Business), B-4E (Central Business Expansion) and IN (Industrial) and within 660 feet of either side of such FAP/FAI routes; in B-3, and IN districts along Lincoln Avenue north of Bradley Avenue; and in B-3, B-4, B-4E and IN districts along Vine Street between Main Street and University Avenue.

**C. Use Regulations** - All permitted or provisional uses as currently allowed by the Zoning Ordinance are permitted, except OASS. Any permit application for an OASS, other than those meeting the exception criteria listed under Section IX-10.E shall be denied.

**D. Duration** - 180 calendar days from December 18, 2000

**E. Variation or Exception**

1. Replacement - The Zoning Administrator may authorize issuance of a permit to replace an existing OASS if said OASS is damaged, through no fault of the owner, to the extent that complete removal and replacement is required.
2. Hardship - The Zoning Administrator will authorize the issuance of a permit for a new OASS when the owner of the property can demonstrate that disallowing such a permit would eliminate any reasonable use of the property.

Section 2. If any section, paragraph, or provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, or the provisions of the Code.

Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall take precedence and be interpreted as superseding any other Ordinance (including but not limited to Table IX-5, Standards for Future Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures) in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective December 18, 2000.

Section 5. The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the terms of Chapter 65, Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (65 ILCS 5/1-2-4).

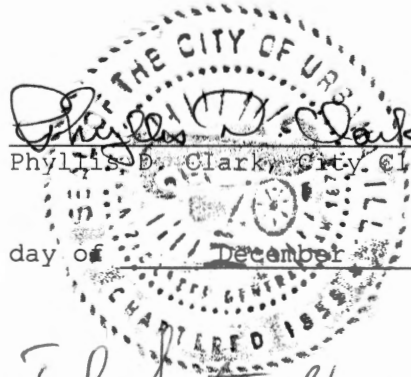
PASSED by the City Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December,  
2000 .

AYES: Hayes, Huth, Kearns, Patt, Taylor, Whelan, Wyman

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

APPROVED by the Mayor this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December,  
2000 .



Phyllis D. Clark  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

Tod Satterthwaite  
Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor



## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM



I, PHYLLIS D. CLARK, certify that I am the duly elected and acting  
Municipal Clerk of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois.

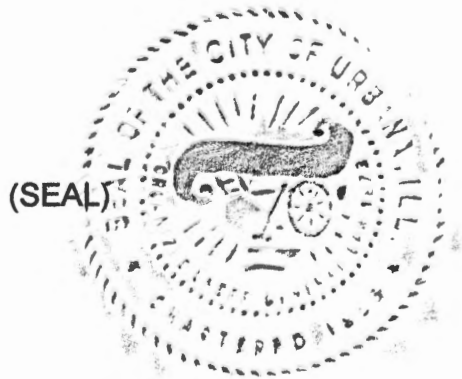
I certify that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000,  
the Corporate Authorities of the City of Urbana passed and approved Ordinance  
No. 2000-11-136, entitled:

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OF THE CITY OF URBANA (TO ADD SECTION IX-10,  
INTERIM DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, MORATORIUM  
ON OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGN STRUCTURES –  
PLAN CASE NO. 1768-T-00)"**

which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 2000-11-136 was  
prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the Urbana City Building  
commencing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2001, and continuing for  
at least ten (10) days thereafter. Copies of said Ordinance were also available for  
public inspection upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.

Dated at Urbana, Illinois, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January,  
2001.



Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk by Richard J. Rebert  
Deputy Clerk