

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE

(To Amend Section IX-6 and IX-7 to Allow Electronic Display Signs as Community Event Signs Requiring a Permit - Plan Case 1812-T-02)

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 establish reasonable standards for the use of signs in order to protect and enhance the physical appearance of the community and the scenic value of the surrounding area and to maintain and encourage business activity and development; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Zoning Administrator has submitted a petition to amend Section IX-6, Use of Noncommercial Signs in Business and Industrial Zoning Districts, and Section IX-7, Prohibited Signs, as presented herein; and

WHEREAS, said petition was presented to the Urbana Plan Commission as Plan Case No. 1812-T-02; and

WHEREAS, after due publication in accordance with Section XI-7 of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance and with Chapter 24, Section 11-13-14 of the Illinois Revised Statutes, the Urbana Plan Commission held a public hearing to consider the proposed amendment on January 24, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Plan Commission voted 5 ayes and 0 nays to forward the proposed amendment set forth in Plan Case No. 1812-T-02 to the Urbana City Council with a recommendation for approval of the proposed amendment, with the recommend that City Council consider an increase in the minimum

linear distance between any one of these signs and any residential zoning district, as well as additional limitations for lumens and flash rates; and

WHEREAS, staff has included text to the ordinance that would establish additional criteria for review of a sign permit application in terms illumination, public safety, and the proportion of noncommercial messages/time and temperature displays to commercial messages; and

WHEREAS, after due and proper consideration, the Urbana City Council has deemed it to be in the best interests of the City of Urbana to amend the text of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows: (proposed additions are underlined)

Section 1. Section IX-6, Use of Noncommercial Signs in Business and Industrial Zoning Districts, in the Urbana Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

C. Community Event Signs Requiring a Permit

5. Electronic Display Sign

Permanent signs providing notice of community events on a continuous basis by means of electronic display may be permitted with Zoning Administrator approval, subject to the placement and size limitations contained within this subsection. Community events information and/or time/temperature announcements must constitute more than 50% of the sign content in order to be considered a noncommercial sign. Commercial related information may otherwise be displayed, but shall not exceed 49% of the sign content. The Zoning Administrator shall consider the following criteria in reviewing a permit application for electronic display signs:

- a) The sign must display a preponderance of community event messages in volume, number, and frequency.

- b) Illumination from the sign will not cause a nuisance to any nearby residential district or use.
- c) The sign will not blink, flash, or otherwise display electronic messages in a manner that may cause a traffic or safety hazard.
- d) The sign shall not be located within 450 feet of another community event electronic display sign
- e) The sign shall not be located within 100 feet of a residential district or use.

Section 2. Section IX-7, Prohibited Signs, is hereby amended as follows:

- A. The following signs are specifically prohibited by this Ordinance:

- 4. Any sign which contains blinking, flashing lights, unless such lights are permitted in Section IX-5 or IX-6.

Section 3. 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).

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called of a majority of the members of the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Council on the 4th day of February, 2002.

PASSED by the City Council this 4th day of February,
2002 .

AYES: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Patt, Whelan, Wyman

NAYS: Otto

ABSTAINS:



Phyllis D. Clark

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____ February _____,
2002 .

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 4th day of February, 2002, the
Corporate Authorities of the City of Urbana passed and approved Ordinance
No. 2002-02-011, entitled:

**"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE
(TO AMEND SECTION IX-6 AND IX-7 TO ALLOW
ELECTRONIC DISPLAY SIGNS AS COMMUNITY EVENT
SIGNS REQUIRING A PERMIT – PLAN CASE 1812-T-02)"**

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

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 2002-02-011 was
prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the Urbana City Building
commencing on the 12th day of February, 2002, 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 12th day of February,
2002.



Phyllis D. Clark
City Clerk
by *Robert*
Deputy Clerk