

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE

(To Amend Section IX-10, Interim Development Ordinance, Creating a 365-Day Moratorium on Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures, For an Additional Period Not to Exceed 300 days - Plan Case No. 1944-T-05)

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, on September 20, 2004 the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2004-09-126 which amended Article IX, Comprehensive Sign Regulations, of the Zoning Ordinance to add Section IX-10, Interim Development Ordinance, Creating a 365 Day Moratorium on Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures; and

WHEREAS, under the moratorium staff was directed to investigate a "cap and replace" policy, which would place a limitation on the number of new billboards, and to review alternatives such as an increase in the OASS spacing requirement that may be appropriate in concert with a cap and replace limitation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana is in the process of conducting a comprehensive review of OASS regulations; and

WHEREAS, further study and deliberation is necessary in order to complete a text amendment that will fulfill the goals of the Comprehensive Sign Regulations as well as the City's Comprehensive Plan and other relevant plans and policies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana will be unable to complete such a review before the expiration of Ordinance No. 2004-09-126; and

WHEREAS, at a public hearing held August 4, 2005, the Urbana Plan Commission voted 5 ayes to 0 nays to extend, without interruption in effect, the duration of the IDO that began September 20, 2004 for an additional period not to exceed 300 calendar days; 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:

Section 1. The IDO that began September 20, 2004 shall, without interruption in effect, be extended for an additional period not to exceed 300 calendar days.

Section 2. 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).

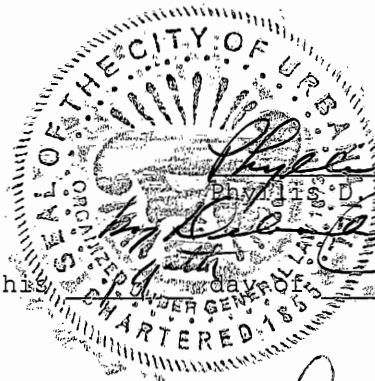
This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called of a majority of the members of the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Council on the 15th day of August, 2005.

PASSED by the City Council this 15th day of August, 2005.

AYES: Barnes, Bowersox, Chynoweth, Lewis, Roberts, Smyth, Stevenson

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:



APPROVED by the Mayor this 15th day of August, 2005.

Phyllis D. Clark
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk
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Deputy Clerk
Laurel Lunt Prussing
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor