

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

**(With Respect to Signs allowed Without a Permit - Article IX, Comprehensive  
Sign Regulations / Plan Case No. 1991-T-06)**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois adopted Ordinance No. 2006-04-040 on April 17, 2006 consisting of a Comprehensive Amendment to the 1993 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, also known as the Urbana Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Zoning Administrator has submitted a petition to amend Article IX, Comprehensive Sign Regulations, to revise the types and standards for signs allowed without a permit and to require permits for certain types of signs currently allowed without a permit; and

WHEREAS, said petition was presented to the Urbana Plan Commission as Plan Case #1991-T-06; and

WHEREAS, after due publication in accordance with Section XI-7 of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance and with Chapter 65, Section 11-13-14 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (65 ILCS 5/11-13-14), the Urbana Plan Commission held a public hearing on the petition on July 6, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the Urbana Plan Commission voted 7 ayes to 0 nays on July 6, 2006 to forward Plan Case #1991-T-06 to the Urbana City Council with a recommendation for approval of the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, after due and proper consideration, the Urbana City Council has determined that the amendments described herein conform to the goals, objectives and policies of the 2005 Urbana Comprehensive Plan as amended from time to time; and,

WHEREAS, after due and proper consideration, the Urbana City Council has deemed it to be in the best interest of the City of Urbana to amend

Article IX of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance and enact the text of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance as set forth.

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

Section 1. Section IX-2.B. General Prohibition and Definitions, is hereby amended to add the following language, in the appropriate alphabetical order with existing language:

*Multi-Family Residential Identification Signs:* Signs which identify the owner, manager, address and/or phone number of a multi-family residential building or complex, boarding or rooming house, or dormitory, in accordance with Table V-1. Such signs shall be subject to the standards specified in Table IX-10.

*Institutional Signs:* Any sign and/or message board setting forth and denoting the name or and/or simple announcement for any public, charitable, educational, or religious institution, when located on the premises of such institution.

Section 2. Section IX-4, General Sign Provisions, is hereby amended to add the following language:

H. *Institutional Signs.* Such signs and/or message boards shall not exceed a total of 25 square feet in display area. If building mounted, these signs shall be flat wall signs, and shall not project above the roofline or front façade of the building. If freestanding, the total height shall not exceed five feet. There may be one sign per frontage.

Section 3. Section IX-5, Signs Allowed Without A Permit Subject to Certain Regulations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. *Signs Allowed in Certain Districts Subject to Regulation.* The signs specified in the following subsections are allowed in all zoning districts, unless specified, without a sign permit but are subject to the conditions and limitations set forth herein.

1. *Official Signs:* Signs of a public, noncommercial nature erected by or on order of a public officer in the performance of a public duty. Such signs shall include but not be limited to safety signs, danger signs, traffic

signs, memorial plaques, or signs indicating a scenic or historical point of interest.

2. *Flag, Decorative:* Flags that do not contain any commercial language. There may be no more than two such flags per premise.
3. *Flag, Public:* Flags bearing the official design of a nation, state, municipality, or noncommercial organization or institution.
4. *Integral Signs:* The name of a building, dates of construction, commemorative tablet, and the like, when carved into stone, concrete, or similar material or made of bronze, aluminum, or other permanent type of construction and made an integral part of the building or structure.
5. *Private Traffic Direction Signs and Related Signs:* Signs directing traffic movement onto a premise or within a premise. The total area shall not exceed five square feet, and the total height shall not exceed five feet. The area of such signs shall consist of not less than 50% words and/or symbols that indicate the desired traffic movement instruction. Such signs are considered to include parking directions, exit or entrance signs, drive-up window signs, restroom signs, and the like. Horizontal directional signs flush with paved areas are exempt from these standards.
6. *Property Sale or Rental Signs:* Any sign announcing the name of the owner, manager, realtor, or other person directly involved in the sale or rental of the property, or announcing the purpose for which it is being offered. Such signs may be freestanding or wall-mounted only. Signs may not emit direct illumination, and must be removed within 14 days after the sale or rental of the property. Property sale or rental signs shall not be placed in the public right-of-way. Property sale or rental signs shall be subject to the standards and provisions specified in Table IX-7.
7. *Home Occupation Signs:* Home occupation signs shall be wall-mounted, not internally illuminated and not exceed one square foot in area. There shall be only one such sign per building or structure for a home occupation permitted under Section V-13.B.
8. *Subdivision Sign:* Any sign announcing the name of a residential, commercial, office or

industrial subdivision or neighborhood. Such signs shall be subject to the standards specified in Table IX-8.

9. *Development Signs:* Any sign announcing the names of architects, engineers, contractors, or other individuals or firms involved with the construction, alteration, or repair of a building or subdivision of property (but not including any product) or announcing the character of the building enterprise or the purpose for which the building is intended.
  - a. Such signs shall be confined to the site of the construction, alteration, or repair, and shall be removed within 21 days after completion of the work.
  - b. Signs shall conform to the standards provided in Table IX-7.
10. *Underground Public Utility Warning Signs:* Standard types of warning signs marking the routes of underground public utility pipes, conduits, and cables.
11. *Sandwich Boards:* Any portable sign primarily oriented towards pedestrian traffic. Such signs shall not be located in the traveled roadway or block pedestrian traffic, and shall be moved indoors at the end of business hours. Such signs shall be permitted in the B-1, B-2, B-3U, B-4, B-4E, or MOR Zoning Districts, and shall not exceed eight square feet in area and four feet in height
12. *House or Building Address:* Any sign that sets forth the house or building address, provided that the individual characters of the signs do not exceed six inches in height.

Section 4. Table IX-8, Standards for Subdivision Signs, is hereby amended to read as stated in the attached Exhibit 1.

Section 5. Table IX-10, Standards for Multiple-Family Residential Rental Property Identification Signs, is hereby added to read as stated in the attached Exhibit 2.

Section 6. 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 21st day of August, 2006.


PASSED by the City Council this 21st day of August, 2006.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

APPROVED by the Mayor this 21st day of August, 2006.



*Phyllis D. Clark*  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

*Laurel Lunt Prussing*  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor