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ORDINANCE NO. 2513

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SIGN CODE OF THE
CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS**


City Clerk

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois (the "City") has found and determined and does hereby declare that it is necessary and appropriate that the Sign Code of the City (which Sign Code comprises Chapter 15.44 of the Columbia Municipal Code) shall be changed and amended as is hereinafter made and provided in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals contained above in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated herein by reference, the same as if set forth in this Section of this Ordinance verbatim, as findings of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

Section 2. Section 15.44.070 (**Selected definitions**) of the City Sign Code is hereby changed and amended as follows:

The definition of "Changeable Copy Sign" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replacing by the following definition:

"Changeable Copy Sign' means a sign or portion of a larger sign whereon different messages are displayed, including but not necessarily limited to public service messages, advertising for the business or businesses on-site, etc., and which has provision for changing the individual numbers, letters, or symbols in the message manually only with no electronic components."

There is hereby added to the "Selected definitions" of the City's Sign Code a definition for "Electronic Message Board", to read as follows: "Electronic Message Board", or 'Electronic Message Center' means a sign or portion of a larger sign whereon different messages are displayed, including but not necessarily limited to public service messages, advertising for the business or businesses on-site, projection of on-site activities in real-time, time, and temperature, etc., and which has provision for changing the message thereon electronically. Such signs shall include those devices that display information using panels of individual lamps, rotating panels, liquid crystal displays (or similar technology) or rear projection screens."

The definition of "Shopping Center Identification Sign" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replacing by the following definition:

"Shopping Center Identification Sign" means any sign identifying a building or a group of buildings that provides common off-street parking facilities and that is occupied by three or more retail establishments. The identification sign shall identify the name of the complex as the most prominent and topmost message.

There is hereby added to the "Selected definitions" of the City's Sign Code a definition for "Fuel Price Sign", to read as follows:

"Fuel Price Sign" means a sign as a numerical component of a permitted freestanding, flush-mounted, or monument sign that depicts the current price only of automotive fuel sold by the establishment. In such cases where digital price signs are utilized, such signs shall be constant in nature, and shall not travel, flush, inverse, write-on, up or down scroll, roll, grow, melt, x-ray, twinkle, snow, or otherwise change its nature."

Section 3. Section 15.44.160 (**Strictly prohibited street graphics**) of the City Sign Code is hereby changed and amended to read as follows:

There is hereby added to the "Strictly prohibited street graphics" of the City's Sign Code an item E., to read as follows:

"E. Electronic message boards as defined in Section 15.44.070 of this sign code."

Section 4. Section 15.44.170 (**Permitted street graphics**) of the City Sign Code is hereby changed and amended to read as follows:

There is hereby added to the "Permitted street graphics" of the City's sign code an item R., to read as follows:

"R. Fuel Price Signs as defined in Section 15.44.070 of this sign code no more than six (6) square feet in area."

Section 5. All ordinance, resolutions or order or parts of ordinances, resolutions or order in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict, are repealed.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, as provided by law.

Alderman Agne moved the adoption of the above and foregoing Ordinance; the motion was seconded by Alderman Koesterer and the roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Unnerstall, Koesterer, Huch and

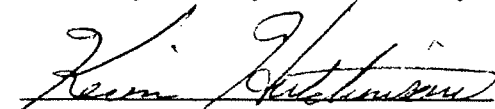
Mayor Hutchinson.

NAYS: None.

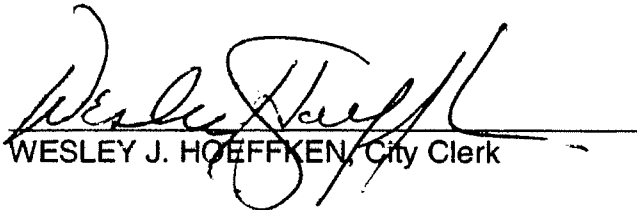
ABSENT: Aldermen Conrad and Row.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 20th day
of November, 2006.


KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:


WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, City Clerk

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