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Date May 19, 2014

HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CITY-WIDE FREESTANDING SIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT, AND CONDITIONALLY APPROVING SAME

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-0693, the City Council directed that a public hearing be held on May 19, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, to consider the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance then recommended by the City staff:

- a) Establish a City-wide FSO Freestanding Sign Overlay District, applicable to all land within the City or hereafter annexed into the City, to prohibit the use of freestanding pole signs and require freestanding on-premises advertising signs to be monumental signs;
b) Further define and enact design and height requirements for freestanding monumental signs;
c) Allow for exceptions, from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, to the prohibition on pole signs in the FSO Freestanding Sign Overlay District when there is no feasible location for the placement of a monumental sign; and
d) Provide for removal of pole signs that lose legal non-conforming status; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission has advised that at a public hearing held on May 1, 2014, its members voted 8-4 in support of a motion to recommend approval to amend the Zoning Ordinance Text in Chapter 134 to establish a City-wide Freestanding Sign Overlay District, as more fully shown by Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and to create a task force to review sign issues; and

WHEREAS, due notice of this hearing was published in the Des Moines Register as provided by law on May 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the notice, those interested in the proposed amendments, both for and against, have been given opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and have presented their views to the City Council.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that upon consideration of the facts, statements of interested persons and arguments of counsel, the objections to said proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance be and the same are hereby overruled, and the hearing closed.

MOVED by Gray to adopt and approve the proposed amendments, subject to final passage of the enacting ordinance.

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		
 T. M. Franklin, Mayor				

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Diane Rauh

City Clerk