



DEPT. OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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TO: Bruce K. Walden, CAO

FROM: April D. Getchius, AICP, Director

DATE: November 14, 2000

SUBJECT: An Ordinance Amending the City of Urbana Building Code (Section 2904.5 Temporary Suspension of OASS Building Permits)

Introduction. At the November 13, 2000 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Committee discussed the possibility of imposing an Interim Development Ordinance (IDO) to temporarily halt the issuance of permits for Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures (OASS). The Council's general concern with OASS's coincides with staff's concern about the construction of the cantilevered billboards. The attached Ordinance amends the City of Urbana Building Code to suspend the issuance of building permits for OASS's.

Background and Discussion. Staff has expressed some concern with the cantilevered form of construction of the recent OASS's. Although, the one sign permit which was issued, was accompanied by a certification of a registered structural engineer, perhaps staff should have those certifications reviewed by a consulting engineer to assure their accuracy. A letter from Mr. John Frauenhoffer, Registered Structural Engineer, raises issues regarding the sign construction. Staff would recommend that they review this issue further to determine if additional information or review may be required.

As a result, staff is proposing the attached amendment to the Urbana Building Code that would place a suspension on the issuance of utility/building permits for the construction of cantilevered OASS's. This would be effective from the date of its issuance and until December 31, 2000.

Options.

The City Council has the following options in this case:

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- a. The Council may approve the attached Ordinance, temporarily suspending issuance of building permits for the cantilevered OASS as presented.
- b. The Council may approve the attached Ordinance with possible changes.
- c. The Council may deny approval of the attached ordinance.

Recommendation. Staff recommends the City Council approve the attached Ordinance, providing staff time to review the permit procedures further and determine if any changes to the Code are appropriate.

- c: Mr. Kip Pope, C-U Poster
Mr. John E. Fite, The Bressler Company

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ORDINANCE NO. 2000-11-138

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF URBANA 1990 MODEL CODES ADOPTION
ORDINANCE
(OASS Permits)**

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council has determined that there may be safety issues regarding the construction of OASS; and

WHEREAS, a the Urbana City Code may need to be amend its building codes to better assure for the safe construction of OASS known as “cantilevered”; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide sufficient time to review these ordinances the Urbana City Council has determined that the City should temporarily suspend the approval and issuance of building permits for said cantilevered OASS’s.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT the City of Urbana 1990 Model Codes Adopting Ordinance is amended to add the following section:

Section 2904.5 Temporary Suspension of OASS Building Permits. Effective November 21, 2000 through December 31, 2000, the Code Official or his/her designee shall not issue any building permits for the construction of Outdoor Advertising Sign Structures that utilize a cantilevered construction technique.

The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2000.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of *January 4, 2001*, 2000.

Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor