

CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE NO. 3569

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SIGN VARIANCE FOR A SIGN LOCATED AT 900  
ADMIRAL WEINEL BLVD.**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Columbia (“City”), Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

**WHEREAS,** Harres Home Furnishings and Appliance/J H Limited Partnership (“Owner”) has a legally existing 15-foot tall sign with a manually changeable message board that they wish to replace with new sign that includes an electronic message center (EMC); and

**WHEREAS,** Section 15.44.190.J of the City of Columbia Sign Code limits the height of EMC sign components to 6 feet and the applicant is requesting a variance to allow the EMC sign component to not exceed a height of 12 feet 2 inches; and

**WHEREAS,** the Columbia Plan Commission, in its capacity as Street Graphics Advisory Committee, conducted a public hearing on April 12, 2021 finding that the request met the Standards of Approval for sign variances as provided in Section 15.44.380.E of the Sign Code; and

**WHEREAS,** after due consideration of the request, the Columbia Plan Commission voted to recommend approval of the requested sign variance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, as follows:

**Section 1.** The recitals contained above in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated 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.** The Mayor and City Council hereby adopt the findings and recommendations of the Plan Commission, as described in the above recitals.

**Section 3.** The Owner is hereby granted a sign variance from the requirements of Section 15.44.190.J of the Sign Code to permit the construction of a sign with an EMC component that shall not exceed 12 feet 2 inches in height on property located at 900 Admiral Weinel Blvd. having Monroe Co. Parcel ID No. 04-21-133-009-000.

**Section 4.** The subject sign shall be constructed in the location and in a manner substantially consistent with Exhibit A, attached hereto.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately upon passage by the Corporate Authorities.

**PASSED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2021, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Aldermen Ebersohl, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, and Riddle

NOES: Alderman Agne.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:

  
EUGENE J. EBERSOHL, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, City Clerk

(SEAL)