

ORDINANCE NO. 2495

OCT 02 2006

AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A SIGN VARIANCE TO METRO CHRYSLER OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS TO ALLOW THE CAR DEALER TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN SIGNS WHICH EXCEED THE NUMBER OF SIGNS ALLOWED PER STREET FRONTAGE AND THE SIGN AREA ALLOWANCE PRESCRIBED BY THE CITY'S SIGN CODE


City Clerk

WHEREAS, Section 15.44.100 of the City of Columbia, Illinois (the "City") Sign Code restricts the total area of all signs which an establishment in the City is permitted to display to not to exceed one hundred (100) square feet;

WHEREAS, Section 15.44.190 of the City of Columbia, Illinois (the "City") Sign Code permits one exterior sign on each street frontage;

WHEREAS, Metro Chrysler of Columbia, Illinois (the "Business") has requested a variance from the City's City Council to allow the Business to display signage at its location addressed 500 Admiral Weinel Boulevard in the City of Columbia, which will have a total sign area of 278 square feet, more or less;

WHEREAS, Metro Chrysler of Columbia, Illinois (the "Business") has requested a variance from the City's City Council to allow the Business to display signage at its location, which has two street frontages, in a total number of four separate signs;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirement of Section 15.44.380 of the City's Sign Code, a public hearing with regard to the variance request was held before the Street Graphics Committee of the City on August 29, 2006 at the Columbia City Hall and the members of the Street Graphics Committee in attendance at the public hearing unanimously recommended to the City's City Council that the variance be granted;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Section 15.44.380 of the City's Sign Code, the City's City Council has found and determined and does hereby declare, based upon the evidence presented, the special circumstances involving the size, shape, topography, location and surroundings of the property involved in the sign variance request will result in an unreasonable or unnecessary hardship if the variance is not granted, including the following:

(1) There currently exists at or about the subject property location existing signs which the business will merely update the graphic inserts of the signs involved herein;

(2) The proposed signs will be more attractive than the signs it will replace and will result in the removal of several other signs from the north facing of the building;

WHEREAS, as required by Section 15.44.380 of the City's Sign Code, the City's City Council has found and determined and does hereby declare, that the allowance of the installation and maintenance of the proposed signs will not cause substantial injury to the value of property in the vicinity of the signs and will not be detrimental to the public safety and welfare in the neighborhood in which it is located.

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. Metro Chrysler of Columbia, Illinois is hereby granted a variance or special exception to allow the Business to install signs at its location addressed 500 Admiral Weinel Boulevard in the City of Columbia, which will have a total sign area of 278 square feet, more or less in accordance with the "Request for Sign Variance Application" filed with the City Clerk by the Owner of the company, Brian Lord, which said signs are more particularly described and depicted in said "Request for Sign Variance Application".

Section 3. Metro Chrysler of Columbia, Illinois is hereby granted a variance or special exception to allow the Business to display signage at its location, which has two street frontages, in a total number of four separate signs in accordance with the "Request for Sign Variance Application" filed with the City Clerk by the Owner of the company, Brian Lord, which said signs are more particularly described and depicted in said "Request for Sign Variance Application".

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, 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:

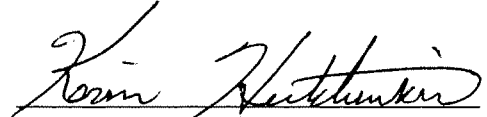
YEAS: Aldermen Conrad, Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Koesterer, Row and Huch.

NAYS: Alderman Unnerstall.

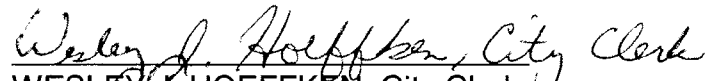
ABSENT: None.

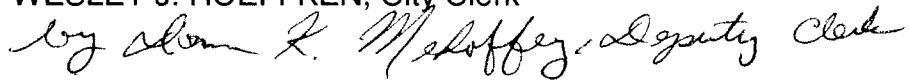
ABSTENTIONS: None.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 2nd day of October, 2006.


KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:


WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, City Clerk


by Adam R. Masoffey, Deputy Clerk

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