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CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE NO. 3201


City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15.44.165 OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA
MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SPECIAL DISPLAYS AND OTHER TEMPORARY
SIGNS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia (“City Council”) previously adopted Section 15.44.165 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code (“City Code”), addressing special displays and other temporary sign requirements within the City of Columbia (“City”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City, and now desires to amend Section 15.44.165 of the City Code to add portion E. Electronic message board shall be permitted by special event;

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. That Section 15.44.165 Special displays and other temporary signs, of the City Code shall be amended to include portion (E) Electronic message board shall be permitted by special event to read as follows:

E. Electronic message board shall be permitted by special event (as defined and regulated by Chapter 12.33 Special Events) in accordance to the following conditions:

1. Electronic message board shall be included on the application for the Special Event with its content completely described.
2. No more than one such sign per event.
3. Such sign shall display only during special event hours of operation.
4. Such sign’s display of text/picture shall be the only portion of signage lit. The background shall remain unlit.
5. No movement of any content is permitted.
6. Such sign’s message displayed thereon must remain visible in at least thirty-second intervals before being reset or replaced with another message.
7. Message display area shall not exceed eighteen (18) square feet.
8. Message Display height shall not exceed ten (10) feet.

9. The use of profane language/images or content that is abusive towards another person/public or use any violent/abusive language/content under circumstances reasonably calculated to provoke a breach of the peace is strictly prohibited.
10. Location shall be as follows:
 - a. Such sign shall be displayed at the Special Event site only.
 - b. Such sign shall not be located within ten (10) feet from any Public right-of-way.
 - c. If special event abuts a residential district, the display shall be no less than fifty (50) feet from the property lines and installed in such a manner that the beams of light from each light source shall be directed away from neighboring properties and confined to the area of the subject property on which the exterior light source is located.
11. The electrical component of any illuminated sign shall conform to the applicable requirements of the current N.E.C. Electrical Code of the City.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage as provided by law.

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

YEAS: Aldermen Agne, Niemiets, Roessler, Reis, Holtkamp, and Martens.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Aldermen Ebersohl and Huch.

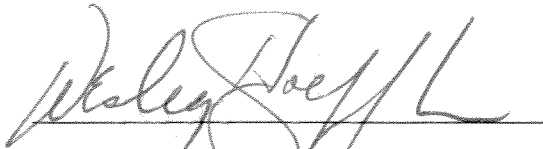
ABSTENTIONS: None.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 8th day of September, 2015.



MARY ELLEN NIEMIETZ, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, City Clerk

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