

Sign Ordinance Council File: 11-1705

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Ms. Dickinson, please distribute the following message to the PLUM Committee members. Thank you.

Re: Sign ordinance, Council File 11-1705

I support the new Sign Ordinance as approved by the City Planning Commission on October 22, 2015 and urge the PLUM committee and full City Council to adopt a version of the ordinance that includes the following provisions:

a) No amnesty for existing billboards that lack permits or have been altered in violation of their permits.

b) No "grandfathering" of any sign districts that weren't approved or applied for in April, 2009, when the CPC approved the initial version of the new sign ordinance.

c) Restrict any new off-site signs, including digital billboards, to sign districts in 22 areas zoned for high-intensity commercial use.

d) Require existing billboards to be taken down before any new off-site signs can go up in sign districts. The takedown ratio of existing signs to new signs would be 5-to-1 for conventional and 10-to-1 for digital.

e) Impose administrative civil penalties for sign violators that will act as a real deterrent to illegal billboards and other signage.

f) Prohibit off-site signage in city parks and recreation facilities.

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