



City of West Allis

Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
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O-2009-0028 **Ordinance** **Introduced**

Ordinance to amend Section 13.215 of the Revised Municipal Code relative to permitting freestanding signs and amending subsection (19) relative to electronic message centers in the C-1 Central Business District.

Introduced: 10/20/2009

Controlling Body: Safety & Development Committee

Sponsor(s): Safety & Development Committee

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PASS

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
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SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

Chair _____ Vice-Chair _____ Member _____

COMMON COUNCIL ACTION PASS

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

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By Safety and Development Committee

WHEREAS, the City of West Allis Central Business District located on W. Greenfield Avenue, between South 70 and 76 Streets, is the historic “downtown” area of the City. The District’s built environment addresses W. Greenfield Avenue and encompasses traffic control measures at every intersection within the downtown, creating a low-speed vehicular environment that is unique to the City; and,

WHEREAS, adequate signage is important to business and civic institutions for identification and advertising and therefore needs to be provided for.

NOW THEREFORE, The Common Council of the City of West Allis do ordain as follows:

PART I. Section 13.215 of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of West Allis is hereby amended by re-numbering subsections (23) and (24) to read as (24) and (25).

PART II. Subsection 13.215(23) of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of West Allis is hereby created to read:

13.215 Central Business District (Downtown) Sign Code.

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(23) Freestanding Signs.

(a) Architecture and Landscaping.

1. Freestanding signs must be architecturally integrated with the principal building on the property. The base, sides, and top of the sign shall be constructed of masonry or other approved durable materials. The tone and texture of the base, sides, and top shall reflect the principal building construction as close as possible or shall enhance the exterior architecture of the principal building. The base of the sign shall be a minimum of two feet in height.

2. The color scheme of the sign shall compliment the color scheme of the principal building.

3. Architectural features (such as sills, piers, reveals, capstones, medallions, etc.), which are part of the architectural makeup of the principal building, shall be incorporated into the sign.

4. The sign face shall be constructed of aluminum, masonry, or similar product or polycarbonate with an opaque background or other approved durable materials. If internally illuminated, the sign face must be constructed of an opaque background.

5. The sign structure or post of a freestanding sign must be wrapped in or constructed of a material compatible with the materials utilized in the construction of the building to which the sign refers. The width of the base of the sign must be equal to or greater than the width of the sign face.

6. Landscaping Requirements. Landscaping shall be provided at the base of the supporting structure equal to twice the area of one face of the sign. For example, 20 square feet of sign area = 40 square feet of landscaped area. The Department of Development may reduce or waive this requirement if it is determined the additional landscaping would not contribute significantly to the overall aesthetic character of the project.

7. The Department of Development may approve, deny or request changes to a sign, based on the architecture of that sign.

(b) Size Requirements and Location.

1. Number. One freestanding sign shall be permitted on each lot or parcel of land.

2. Area. The maximum area of a freestanding sign shall not exceed 25 sq. ft. in area.

3. The sign may have multiple faces if so approved.

4. Height. The maximum height of a freestanding sign may not exceed eight (8) feet. The applicant shall provide dimensions of the proposed sign. The height of a freestanding sign shall be regulated and approved by the Department of Development in consideration of the location of the proposed sign; the height, size, appearance, number and location of other signs in the vicinity of the proposed sign; the propriety of the proposed sign with respect to a master sign plan, if any; and such other facts as the Department of Development deems appropriate.

5. Location. An offset of no less than one (1) foot from the ultimate right of way line should be maintained.

a. The sign shall be located in an area of meaningful open space, which shall be appropriately landscaped, including some year-round plantings.

b. Site consideration should be given to signs on corner lots, near driveways and/or alleys, etc. Signs are not to obstruct the vision triangle (see Figure 1 below). Signs proposed within the vision triangle shall require Plan Commission approval.

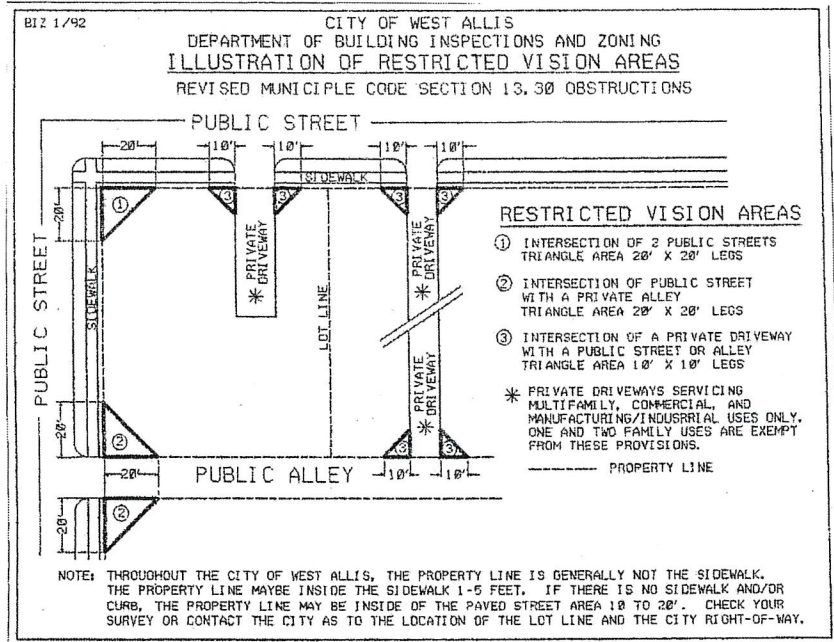


Figure 1: Vision Triangle Restrictions

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(c) **Design.** Changeable copy signs and electronic message centers must be integrated into freestanding sign, wall sign or projecting sign for such building or development.

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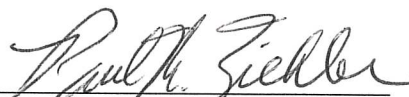
"Flashing sign" means a type of changeable copy sign upon which a message blinks repetitively.

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PART V. All ordinances or parts of ordinance contravening the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART VI. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED OCT 20 2009


Paul Ziehler, City Admin. Officer
Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED 10/23/09


Dan Devine, Mayor

cc: Department of Development
City Attorney's Office
Department of Building Inspections



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Paul M. Ziehler, City Admin. Officer, Clerk/Treas.

APPROVED

Dan Devine, Mayor

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Notice of

Newly Enacted Ordinance

Please take notice that the City of West Allis enacted Ordinance No. O-2009-0028, Ordinance to amend Section 13.215 of the Revised Municipal Code relative to permitting freestanding signs and electronic message centers in the C-1 Central Business District, on October 23, 2009. The ordinance allows freestanding monument signs on properties in the C-1 District, which previously were not permitted, and eliminates message display frequency restrictions, previously imposed on electronic message centers (EMCs). EMCs are also permitted to occupy 35% of a sign face area, which previously was limited to 25% of a sign face area. The full text of Ordinance No. O-2009-0028 may be obtained at the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, 7525

w. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214 and through the Legislative Information Center on the City's Website at <http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us>. Clerk/Treasurer's telephone: (414) 302-8200.

Paul M. Ziehler,
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