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DATE: October 21, 2005
TO: Montgomery County Planning Board
VIA: Rose Krasnow, Chief, Development Review *RK*
 Carlton Gilbert, Zoning Supervisor
FROM: Greg Russ, Zoning Coordinator *GR*
REVIEW TYPE: Zoning Text Amendment
PURPOSE: To eliminate the permit requirement for limited duration signs; and to generally amend provisions related to limited duration signs.

TEXT AMENDMENT: No. 05-14
REVIEW BASIS: Advisory to the County Council sitting as the District Council, Chapter 59 of the Zoning Ordinance
INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers Denis and Perez
INTRODUCED DATE: September 27, 2005

PLANNING BOARD REVIEW: October 27, 2005
PUBLIC HEARING: November 1, 2005; 1:30pm

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL

PURPOSE OF THE TEXT AMENDMENT

To eliminate the permit requirement for limited duration signs; and to generally amend provisions related to limited duration signs.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

A limited duration sign is defined as a *non-permanent sign that is displayed:*

- (1) *on private property for more than 30 days. However, until January 1, 1999, a limited duration sign is a sign that is displayed on private property for more than 90 days. A limited duration sign is not intended to be displayed for an indefinite period; or*
- (2) *within the public right-of-way.*

As stated above, a limited duration sign is a non-permanent sign displayed on private property for more than 30 days. It can also be defined as a non-permanent sign displayed within the public

right-of-way. This type of sign differs from a temporary sign by its display duration (temporary signs can be located only on private property and for less than 30 days). Currently for a limited duration sign, a permit is issued for one year and may be renewed annually. A permit is not required for a temporary sign.

Councilmembers Perez and Denis introduced the subject text amendment to eliminate the permit requirement for limited duration signs on private property. The permit requirement would continue to be in effect for signs proposed in the public rights-of-way. Staff believes that the elimination of a permit requirement for limited duration signs on private property would have minimal impact on private properties since the general requirements for limited duration signs (Section 59-F-5.2—*number allowed, area, placement and location*) will remain. In addition, Section 59-F-6.2, *Requirements by Zone*, regulates the total sign area per lot for residential, commercial and industrial property. The net effect of the proposed text amendment would make the regulations governing limited duration signs on private property similar to those for temporary signs.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff supports the proposed text amendment to eliminate the permit requirement for limited duration signs on private property and to generally amend provisions related to limited duration signs.. The proposed text amendment language is included as Attachment 1.

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Attachments

1. Proposed Text Amendment 05-14