

CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE NO. 3525

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SIGN VARIANCE FOR A SIGN LOCATED AT
1000 ELEVEN SOUTH**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia (“City”), Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

WHEREAS, an annexation agreement for the 11 South development was approved by the City Council on September 2, 2014, which allowed a monument sign to serve the entire development in addition to the maximum number of signs allowed per the City of Columbia Sign Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved variances for the subject sign on October 3, 2016, allowing it to be constructed to a height of 29.7 feet with an area of 534.6 square feet, both of which are in excess of Sign Code requirements; and

WHEREAS, the 11 South development is expanding and the owner/developer wishes to provide adequate signage to advertise all businesses located in the development with the proposed addition of a 123.75 square foot electronic message center to the subject sign; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Plan Commission, in its capacity as Street Graphics Advisory Committee, conducted a public hearing on May 19, 2020 finding that the request met the Standards of Approval for sign variances as provided in Section 15.44.380.E of the Sign Code; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration of the request, the Columbia Plan Commission voted to recommend approval of the requested sign variance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, as follows:

- Section 1.** The recitals contained above in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated 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.** The Mayor and City Council hereby adopt the findings and recommendations of the Street Graphics Advisory Committee, as described in the above recitals.

Section 3. The applicants are hereby granted a sign variance from the requirements of Section 15.44.100 of the Sign Code to permit the construction of a sign with an area not to exceed 660 square feet at 1000 Eleven South.

Section 4. The subject sign shall be constructed in the location and in a manner substantially consistent with the drawings and site plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 5. The City Council shall not approve further sign code variances for the subject sign, without first repealing this and all previous variances for the sign. Such future variance request(s) shall be submitted, considered, and approved according to processes and regulations of the Columbia Sign Code in effect at that time.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately upon passage by the Corporate Authorities.

PASSED by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 6th day of July, 2020, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, and Riddle.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:



KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, City Clerk

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