



ARDEN HILLS
MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 27, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: Mike Mrosla, Community Development Manager/City Planner

SUBJECT: Planning Case #19-019 – Public Hearing Required
Applicant: City of Arden Hills
Request: Sign Code Text Amendment

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
N/A	N/A	N/A

For Council Consideration

Adopting Ordinance 2020-001 amending Chapter 12, Section 1230.01, Subd. 2 and Section 1250.03 City Code and authorizing staff to publish notice thereof.

Background

At its December 16, 2019 meeting, the City Council directed staff to make necessary ordinance changes to make political signs (non-commercial sign) consistent with existing temporary off-premise signs placement standards. In addition, Council requested staff to review and bring the ordinance into conformance with State statute for when signs may be placed.

Planning Commission recommend approval of the following amendments to Chapter 12, Sign Code. The intent of the amendment is to clarify existing language to make non-commercial signs in an election year consistent with placement standards of temporary off-premise signs and Minnesota State Statute 211B.045. Staff worked with the City Attorney to bring the proposed language into conformance with Minnesota State Statute 211B.045. The proposed amendment permits non-commercial signs to be posted no more than 46 days prior to the primary. 46 days is the minimum set by state statute. The number may increase, but may not decrease below 46 days. At a recent City Council Work Session the Council discussed increasing the number of days to 70. A formal motion would be necessary to change the proposed 46 to 70 days.

Additional language was added to section 1250.03, Temporary Off-premise Signs. The existing ordinance language for non-commercial signs was silent on placing signs on publicly owned land and there was no roadway setbacks standards for non-commercial signs. In addition, the existing language did not discuss prohibited signs placement locations. The proposed language provides the same setback standards for non-commercial and temporary off-site signs (five feet from the curb).

Staff proposed language allowing the property owner to the ability to withdraw sign placement permission at any time. However, at a recent City Council Work Session the Council discussed modifying the language to read, *“The property owner shall notify the sign owner prior to withdrawing permission.”* If council selects to amend the proposed language, a formal motion would be required.

Council shall consider

Staff has provided the following motion language options for the City Council to consider.

1. Recommend Approval: Motion to recommend approval of Planning Case 19-0019 for proposed amendments to Chapter 12, Section 1230.01, Subd. 2 and Section 1250.03, as presented in the January 8, 2020 Report to the Planning Commission.
2. Recommend Approval with Amendments: Motion to recommend approval of Planning Case 19-0019 for proposed amendments to Chapter 12, Section 1230.01, Subd. 2 and Section 1250.03, as presented in the January 8, 2020 Report to the Planning Commission.
3. Recommend Denial: recommend of denial Planning Case 19-0019 for proposed amendments to Chapter 12, Section 1230.01, Subd. 2 and Section 1250.03, as presented in the January 8, 2020 Report to the Planning Commission: a specific reason and/or information request should be included with a motion for denial.
4. Table: Motion to recommend tabling of Planning Case 19-0019 for proposed amendments to Chapter 12, Section 1230.01, Subd. 2 and Section 1250.03, as presented in the January 8, 2020 Report to the Planning Commission: a specific reason and/or information request should be included with a motion to table.

Notice and Public Comments

Notice on this planning case was published in the Pioneer Press on December 27, 2019. The City has not received any public comments regarding this case.

Budget Impact:

NA

Attachments:

- A. Ordinance amending Chapter 12, Sign Code Redline
- B. Ordinance Summary NO. 2020-001