



AGENDA ITEM 7B

SIGN REGULATIONS

**REPORT TO THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF DE SOTO, KANSAS
MARCH 27, 2006**

AGENDA ITEM:	Consider text amendments to Article 7 of the Zoning Regulations pertaining to sign regulations.
MEETING DATE:	March 28 th , 2006
REPORT PREPARED BY:	Mike Brungardt, City Engineer
ATTACHED MATERIALS:	MEMO from Patrick Reavey Exhibit A – Draft Sign Regulations (allowing pole signs) Exhibit B – Draft Sign Regulations (NOT allowing pole signs) Exhibit C – Meeting minutes from the August 18 th , 2005 Council meeting.

Attached to this report is a memo from Patrick Reavey explaining the revisions he has made to the proposed sign regulations. Also attached are two versions of proposed sign regulation language. The version attached as Exhibit A will allow new pole signs, as discussed in previous Planning Commission meetings. The version attached as Exhibit B does not allow new pole signs. Exhibit B is presented because of recent discussions with members of the City Council and the Mayor. Both versions incorporate Patrick's revisions.

City Administrator Pat Guilfoyle, composed the following e-mail to Kim Gordanier on this subject:

"Kim,

On the subject of pole signs, I am not clear if the Planning Commission is suggesting allowing new pole signs based on an impression that the Council wants to allow them or not. As we discussed, I believe it is clear that the majority (the 3 of 5 plus the mayor that I have spoken to thus far) clearly do not want to allow new pole signs.

Based on knowledge I learned from the K-10 Association meeting I attended earlier this month, it is clear that the K-10 municipalities are in agreement, they strongly discourage pole signs. Reviewing De Soto's position on that policy point with the Mayor, he assures me that De Soto is in agreement with that policy.

Mike Brungardt reviewed with me minutes from the Council meeting at which the issue was discussed. Those minutes indicate that the Council concurs with the philosophy of not allowing new pole signs.

In discussions I have had to-date with three Council members as part of my one-on-one introductory effort, I specifically asked each one what the Council's position is on the question. I was told by all three of them that the majority of the Council did not want any new pole signs.

IF...the Planning Commission is desirous of recommending the allowance of pole signs because they feel such signs should be allowed, so be it. But if they are recommending them in order to satisfy a perceived Council interest, I think the recommendation will receive some Council opposition that may result in the matter being referred back to the Planning Commission.

Pat "

If the Planning Commission wishes to allow new pole signs, you should recommend the text in Exhibit A. If you wish NOT to allow new pole signs, please recommend the language in Exhibit B.

**END OF REPORT
EXHIBIT TO FOLLOW**