



RESOLUTION 2008-056

A RESOLUTION FORMALLY INITIATING DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FREE-STANDING SIGN STANDARDS AND TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FREE-STANDING SIGN PERMITS

WHEREAS, The City adopted a new sign ordinance in 2004, Ordinance 2004-006; and

WHEREAS, signs are permitted through the building department and regulated in the development code; and

WHEREAS, signs have been historically considered a land use action subject to the 120 day rule requirement in ORS 227.178; and

WHEREAS, a recent inventory of signs in the city indicates a large number of signs are now non-conforming as a result of the new sign Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, concerns are still expressed that the height and size of some of the free standing signs, even those constructed under the most recent standards, do not reflect the community values; and

WHEREAS, the City also has a provision that all non-conforming signs must be brought into conformance within 5 years; and

WHEREAS, the City is immediately and expeditiously reviewing the current standards with the express intent of updating the free standing sign standards and it is anticipated that some of the existing non-conforming signs will no longer be non-conforming while some signs may remain non-conforming; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in minimizing the number of non-conforming signs therefore there is concern about the construction of new signs while the sign code is under review; and

WHEREAS, wall signs and temporary signs are not part of the current update review and will therefore not potentially result in non-conformities in the immediate future.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SHERWOOD RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Planning and Building Department is directed not to accept applications for new free-standing sign permits for a period not to exceed 90 days. This suspension does not apply to permits submitted on or before October 7, 2008 and expires 90 days immediately after the signing of this resolution.

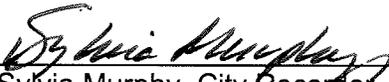
Section 2: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval and adoption.

Duly passed by the City Council this 7th day of October 2008.



Keith S. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sylvia Murphy, City Recorder