

AGENDA STATEMENT

City of Bellaire

MEETING: Building Standards Commission

PREPARED BY: Kevin Taylor

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

ITEM TITLE:

Consideration of proposed amendments to Chapter 9, Article X, Signs to amend the following section: *Section 9-320. Code Adopted to adopt Appendix H of the International Building Code and to adequately reference the Zoning Ordinance regulations for signs.*

RECOMMENDATION:

The Building Official recommends approval of the proposed changes to Chapter 9, Building Codes, of the City of Bellaire Code of Ordinances to adopt the International Building Code (IBC) Appendix H, and also reference the City's signage code.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The City of Bellaire has previously adopted the Uniform Sign Code, which has not been updated since 1997. This code is no longer adequate for the City of Bellaire, and the International Code Council has adopted structural requirements within the International Building Code (IBC), under Appendix H. This proposed amendment recommends adopting Appendix H of the IBC. Additionally, this amendment references the Zoning Ordinance regulations for signs found within Chapter 24.

Red lines of the proposed the Code amendment are attached.

Sec. 9-320. - Code adopted.

The current edition of the International Building Code, ~~A~~appendix H, as adopted and published by the International Code Council and as certified by the building official of the City of Bellaire to the city clerk as herein provided, is hereby adopted as the sign code of the city as to all its terms and provisions and made a part of this Code as if repeated verbatim herein, with the qualifications, exceptions and additions as may, from time to time, be set out in this Code.

The building official of the City of Bellaire shall, from time to time, file a certificate with the city clerk, certifying the current edition of the International Building Code, Appendix H, then in existence, for use in the City of Bellaire. Said certificate shall specify the edition, by date of publication, number or other designation, and shall specify that in accordance with the terms and provisions of this section, the same shall be deemed the sign code of the City of Bellaire and shall be controlling as to all matters in relation thereto on a date certain as set out in said certificate, said date to be no sooner than 30 days after said certificate is filed with the city clerk of the City of Bellaire.

A copy of such certificate shall be attached to the original ordinance adopting this amendment to this section of the Code of Ordinances and shall be maintained in the official files of the City of Bellaire by the city clerk. In addition, a copy thereof shall be maintained and published with the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bellaire in Appendix B. All amendments to any prior editions of the sign code as herein set out shall be deemed controlling as to the new edition unless the same shall have been repealed or otherwise amended by ordinance duly adopted by the city council of the City of Bellaire, amending the Code.

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Sec. 9-322. – Signage code and the Zoning Ordinance.

Should any provision of the sign code and Chapter 24, Planning and Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bellaire conflict, Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bellaire shall control.