

Proposed Amendments to Knox County Zoning Ordinance
Prohibiting Conversions of Billboards and Other Advertising Signs in All Zone Districts to
Electronic Advertising Signs

TO PROHIBIT THE CONVERSION OF BILLBOARDS AND OTHER ADVERTISING SIGNS TO ELECTRONIC ADVERTISING SIGNS OR ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER SIGNS IN ALL ZONE DISTRICTS, THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS ARE RECOMMENDED IN ADDITION TO THE AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY EXHIBIT A OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT OF RECOMMENDATION FILE NUMBER 12-A-11-OA:

Deleted language is marked with ~~strikethrough~~

New language is **underlined and bolded**.

The bold, italic, underlined language added by recommendation in MPC file number: 12-A-11-OA

Amend Article 2, Section 2.20 by adding the following:

ADVERTISING SIGN, ELECTRONIC – An advertising sign utilizing mechanical or electronic means to form or alter the announcement, direction, or advertisement appearing on the sign.

Amend Article 3, Section 3.90.16 as follows:

3.90.16 NON-CONFORMING OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS AND STRUCTURES

- A.** An owner of any ~~advertising~~ or business sign or structure legally existing at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall have the right to continue such non-conforming use.
- B.** ***An owner of any billboard or other advertising sign or structure legally existing at the time of the adoption of this amendment which does not conform to the requirements of this ordinance shall have until [date] to register with the Knox County Codes Administration for purpose of ensuring to the owner the right to continue such non-conforming use.***
- C.** **After [date] no person shall convert any legal non-conforming advertising sign to an electronic advertising sign or to an electronic message center sign.**
- D.** **After [date] any non-conforming sign not registered shall be considered an illegal sign. The Codes Administrator shall notify or make reasonable effort to notify the owner of the sign of such condition. If after thirty (30) days of such notification the sign has not been removed by the owner, the County, its officials, or its employees shall have the authority to enter on the private property on which the sign is located to remove such sign and/or institute appropriate action to have the sign removed. The County is further authorized to place a lien, in the amount of the removal cost, against the property upon which the illegal non-conforming sign is located.**