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To: Ald. Michael J. Murphy
From: Leslie Silletti, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
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Re: **Cities Which Require Permits For LED Billboards**

To gather insight into whether or not other cities require permits for LED billboards, I looked at municipal codes from 16 cities. Further research would be necessary to determine whether cities not included on the following list do not require permits, as those requirements may be contained in alternative sections of their respective code.

The following are examples of cities that require permits for LED billboards:

Albany, Georgia
Atlanta, Georgia
Bloomington, Minnesota
Charlotte, North Carolina
Cleveland, Ohio
Lincoln, Nebraska
Minnetonka, Minnesota
Rockford, Illinois
Saint Paul, Minnesota (unclear if adopted yet)
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

From this sample, it appears that it is not uncommon to require permits, as 10 of 16 communities require permits.

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