

December 7, 2005

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: An ordinance regarding signs in the public right of way

Dear Council Members:

Portable sandwichboard and freestanding 2-sided signs currently are not allowed in the public sidewalk areas. However, the use of these signs is common. The Department of Public Works has not vigorously enforced the ordinance unless a specific complaint is received. We have reviewed the issue of allowing such signs to be placed in the public sidewalk area, and believe that they generally do not cause a problem or nuisance to the public. We, therefore, have prepared the attached ordinance which allows these signs if certain conditions are met.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.  
City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes  
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments

c: Alderman Robert J. Bauman  
Mr. Martin Collins