



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
LEGAL DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Plan Commission
FROM: Michael Rouker, City Attorney
RE: Waiving Fees – Sign Applications
DATE: June 8, 2020

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The City Council and Board of Public Works are presently considering a series of temporary measures to assist the local business community with its recovery following the economic fallout occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic. These bodies are considering, among other items, (1) easing sign regulations for downtown businesses, (2) simplifying the procedure for obtaining a sign permit, (3) closing portions of Kirkwood Avenue to pedestrian traffic, and (4) allowing seating encroachments to be expanded. These measures are expected to be put into place through September 30, 2020.

In addition to these measures, the City would like to waive application fees for entities submitting sign applications between now and September 30. Under the UDO, Section 20.06.040(c)(3)(E), the Plan Commission is authorized to waive application fees when an application is being actively promoted by a unit of local government. As the City is taking a proactive approach to our community's economic recovery with these measures, staff respectfully requests that the Plan Commission exercise its authority to waive sign application fees for temporary signs (\$75 per application) and permanent signs (\$125 per application) through September 30, 2020.