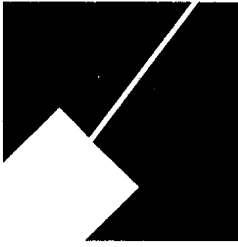


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DATE: October 21, 2005
TO: Montgomery County Planning Board
VIA: Rose Krasnow, Chief, Development Review *RK*
Carlton Gilbert, Zoning Supervisor
FROM: Greg Russ, Zoning Coordinator *GR*
REVIEW TYPE: Zoning Text Amendment
PURPOSE: To allow the Department of Permitting Services to waive certain sign permit application fees

TEXT AMENDMENT: No. 05-13
REVIEW BASIS: Advisory to the County Council sitting as the District Council, Chapter 59 of the Zoning Ordinance
INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Leventhal
INTRODUCED DATE: September 27, 2005

PLANNING BOARD REVIEW: October 27, 2005
PUBLIC HEARING: November 1, 2005; 1:30pm

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL

PURPOSE OF THE TEXT AMENDMENT

To allow the Department of Permitting Services to waive certain sign permit application fees

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Councilmember Leventhal introduced the subject text amendment to allow situations where the Director of the Department of Permitting Services (DPS) could waive or reduce all required sign permit fees for a non-profit organization. The proposed language reads as follows:

DIVISION 59-F-9. Permits and licenses.

59-F-9.1. Permit.

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(b) *Application. The property owner or agent, along with the lessee, if any, and the sign installer, must file a joint application for the sign permit on forms prescribed by the Director. The application must be accompanied by all required documents and fees. If the primary applicant is a non-profit organization that will use the sign only for its own activities, the Director may waive or reduce all required fees.*

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As stated above, this text amendment would grant authority to the Director of DPS to waive or reduce sign permit fees for a non-profit organization if the sign would be used for its own activities. Staff has no objection to granting this authority to DPS for non-profit groups.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff supports the proposed text amendment to allow the Department of Permitting Services to waive certain sign permit application fees. The proposed text amendment language is included as Attachment 1.

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Attachments

1. Proposed Text Amendment 05-13