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Jordan; Roberts John; Petersen Bonny; Sasso Ron; Kooiker Sam

Cc: White Jim

Subject: Sign Ordinance Council Meeting

To all,

First let me thank you in advance for taking a moment to read this. I appreciate the fact that your time is precious.

As you undertake this task I would just ask that you keep in mind some things I believe are important. We all want our city to be beautiful and represent the best that we can offer. If you so severely limit the new technology that will continue to evolve I believe that you might be making the problem worse and not better

I will include some pictures that I have taken to illustrate my point. If you look at my store front and sign you will see that we strive to present a clean building, we keep our awning in good shape, we keep the tree trimmed and our digital sign is at a good height that as cars drive by it is in the normal field of vision of the drivers do they don't have to divert their eyes to be able to see it.

We hear often from Scenic Rapid City about visual clutter, but I fail to see how my store front meets that criteria when you compare it to some of the other business' that I will include for you to look at. Do you really believe that the digital sign is what creates visual clutter? Think for a moment about other business' that have installed these signs. Taco John's, Sonic Drive In, Coldwell Banker, Flowers by LeRoy. Don't all of these business' also project a pretty nice appearance.

We hear people bemoan the idea that we don't have enough quality jobs in our area, well my lowest paid employee makes \$29,280.00 annually and he doesn't have a college degree. At Sound Pro we support 20 families, countless charities and are engaged in our community. This sign ordinance as proposed will have a direct negative impact on my business and many others, and I still don't know why this idea of digital signs has become the poster child of all that is ugly in our city.

Please take a moment to look at the accompanying photos, and maybe even drive around the city and see for yourselves that most of the business owners that have invested in digital signs are pretty good stewards of our city.

Thanks again for your time. Respectfully, Jim White Sound Pro

Sent from my iPhone



























