

RESOLUTION #2012-034

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON OFF-PREMISE DIGITAL SIGNAGE TO ALLOW FOR REVIEW OF ZONING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has adopted regulations pertaining to the construction of signage throughout the City of Rapid City; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Rapid City have by initiated measure enacted a ban on off-premise signs with internal illumination or displaying electronic variable messages in the City of Rapid City; and

WHEREAS, the recent legislation passed by the South Dakota State Legislature has put the effectiveness of the initiated measure into doubt; and

WHEREAS, members of the South Dakota Legislature that supported SB157 encouraged the City of Rapid City to review zoning ordinances as they relate to digital signage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City finds the proliferation of signage and in particular electronic signage to be a threat to the City’s immediate health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Common Council finds it would be in the best interest of the City of Rapid City to review zoning and signage regulations pertaining to signage with internal illumination or displaying electronic variable messages within the City of Rapid City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Rapid City that there is hereby established a moratorium on the receipt of applications for and the issuance of off-premise sign permits for signs with internal illumination or displaying electronic variable messages. This moratorium shall be effective for one year from the date this resolution is approved, or until such time as the Council agrees to lift this moratorium, whichever is shorter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City of Rapid City that this resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and support of the municipal government and its existing public institutions, and this resolution shall take effect upon approval of the Common Council.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2012.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

By: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer

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