

# **AGENDA ITEM 4 A**

**AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LA VISTA**

**ZONING ORDINANCE**

**SECTION 2.02 - SIGNS**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**JULY 15, 2010**

# Memorandum



**To:** Planning Commission Members  
**CC:** City Council Members and applicable City Staff  
**From:** Christopher Solberg, AICP - City Planner  
**Date:** 7/8/2010  
**Re:** Amendments to Definitions

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**Agenda Item 4A: Public Hearing regarding amendments to Section 2.02, Zoning Regulations, regarding sign Definitions.**

A public hearing has been scheduled for the Planning Commission to consider amendments to the Zoning Regulations.

Community Development staff is proposing to remove two confusing sections of the sign definitions. These sections conflicted with regulations later in the Ordinance and were deemed unnecessary.

The amendment also includes the addition of a definition of "Identification Sign". The Ordinance currently has regulations for "Identification Sign" however there is no definition within Section 2.02.

**Staff Recommendation Item 4A:** Recommend approval of the amendments to Section 2.02 of the Zoning Regulations regarding sign definitions.

height of two-and-a-half (2 ½) feet and ten (10) feet above the grades of the bottom of the curb of the intersecting streets, measured from the point of intersection of the centerline of the streets, sixty (60) feet in each direction along the centerline of the streets. At the intersection of major or other arterial streets, the sixty (60) foot distance shall be increased to ninety (90) feet for each arterial leg of the intersection. (*Ordinance No. 891, 2-04-03*)

2.02.274 **SIGN** shall mean and include any outdoor display, declaration, device, figure, drawing, illustration, message, placard, poster, billboard, insignia, or other things which are designed, intended, or used for direction, information, identification, or to advertise, to inform, or to promote any business, product activity, service, or any interest, except the following:

~~2.02.274.01 A name plate or sign designating location, direction, information, or identification, providing the surface area or face of such sign does not exceed ten (10) square feet.~~

~~2.02.274.02 Signs less than twenty-five (25) square feet in surface area advertising activities conducted on the premise, products grown, made, or produced on the premise.~~

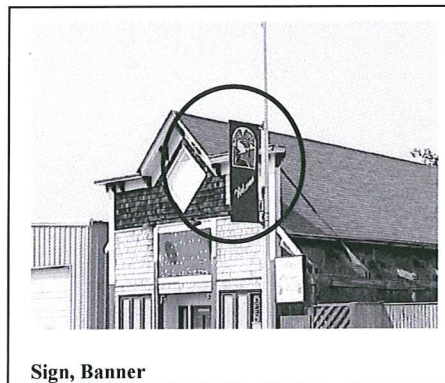
~~2.02.274.03~~ 2.02.274.01 Signs less than fifty (50) square feet in area and less than twenty-five (25) feet in height of a public or quasi-public nature or other official notices that are authorized by the State of Nebraska, City of La Vista, or a Federal Government Agency, directional, informational, or other official signs or notices authorized by law.

2.02.275 **SIGN, ANIMATED** shall mean any sign that uses movement or change of lighting to depict action or create a special effect or scene.

2.02.276 **SIGN AREA** shall refer to that portion of a sign on which copy can be placed but not including the minimal supporting framework or bracing. The area of individually painted letter signs, individual letter signs or directly or indirectly illuminated individual letter signs, shall be calculated on the basis of the smallest geometric figure that will enclose the entire copy area of the sign. Any such calculation shall include the areas between the letters and lines, as well as the areas of any devices, illuminated or non-illuminated. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

2.02.277 **SIGN, AUDIBLE** shall mean any sign that conveys either a written message supported by an audible noise including music, spoken message, and / or sounds to attract attention to the sign. Audible signs also include signs conveying only the audible noise including music, spoken message, and / or sounds to attract attention.

2.02.278 **SIGN, BANNER** shall mean any sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is permanently mounted to a pole or building by a permanent frame at one or more edges. National flags, state or municipal flags, or official flag of any institution or business shall not be considered banners. Banner signs shall not represent a commercial message.



2.02.279 **SIGN, BILLBOARD** shall mean a sign that identifies or communicates a commercial or noncommercial message related to an activity conducted, a service rendered, or a commodity sold at a location other than where the sign is located.



2.02.280 **SIGN, BUILDING MARKER** shall mean any sign indicating the name of a building and date and incidental information about its construction, which sign is cut into a masonry surface or made of bronze or other permanent material.

2.02.281 **SIGN, CANOPY** shall mean any sign that is a part of or attached to an awning, canopy, or other fabric, plastic, or structural protective cover over a door, entrance, window, or outdoor service area. A marquee is not a canopy. (Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)



Sign, Canopy

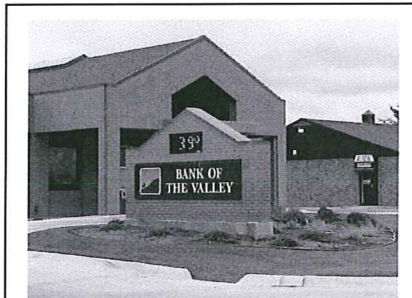
2.02.282 **SIGN, CENTER IDENTIFICATION** shall mean any sign erected to provide direction to a development including multiple uses and / or structures within the development. Center Identification signs shall include the name of said development and may include the names of major tenants of the development. Center Identification Signs shall typically be similar to Ground (Monument) signs. (Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)

2.02.283 **SIGN, CONSTRUCTION** shall mean a temporary sign identifying an architect, engineer, contractor, subcontractor, and/or building material supplier who participates in construction on the property on which the sign is located. (Ordinance No. 871, 10-15-02); (Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)

2.02.284 **SIGN, ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD** shall mean a sign that uses changing lights to form a sign message or messages wherein the sequence of messages and the rate of change is electronically programmed and can be modified by electronic processes.

2.02.285 **SIGN, FLASHING** shall mean a sign, which, by method or manner of illumination, flashes on or off, winks, or blinks with varying light intensity, shows motion, or creates the illusion of being on or off.

2.02.286 **SIGN, FREESTANDING** shall mean any sign supported by uprights or braces placed on or in the ground, which is used principally for advertising or identification purposes and is not supported by any building.



Sign, Monument  
Sign, Electronic Message  
Sign, Flashing

2.02.287 **SIGN, IDENTIFICATION** shall mean a sign giving the nature, logo, trademark, or other identifying symbol; address; or any combination of the name, symbol, and address of a building, business, development, or establishment on the premises where it is located.

2.02.288 **SIGN, ILLUMINATED** shall mean a sign illuminated in any manner by an artificial light source.

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