

Ordinance No. 2006-29

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNAGE STRUCTURE WITHIN THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville is currently undertaking to update and amend its zoning code, including that portion regulating signs;

WHEREAS, the City is concerned that certain property within its corporate limits will be developed inconsistently with the final zoning code;

WHEREAS, the City desires to impose a moratorium on all land within the corporate limits of the City, prohibiting the construction, erection, establishment, development or installation of new signs, and the expansion or substantial repair of existing signs; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that this moratorium will protect the planning process and the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 462.355, subd. 4, the Rockville City Council ordains:

SECTION 1: A moratorium prohibiting the construction, erection, establishment, development or installation of new signs or sign structures, and the expansion or substantial repair of existing signs.

SECTION 2: Said moratorium shall continue for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of this Ordinance, or until such time as the City Council determines the moratorium is no longer necessary as to all of the property or any part thereof.

SECTION 3: This moratorium does not prohibit ongoing maintenance to existing signs or minor repair of existing signs structures.

SECTION 4: An owner of property subject to this moratorium that desires to pursue a prohibited use or activity may apply to the City for a variance. In order for the variance to be granted, the City Council must find that the intended use or activity will not conflict with the proposed zoning code. In approving a variance, the City Council may impose such conditions as it determines are necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

SECTION 5: This moratorium may be extended up to an additional eighteen (18) months.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

Adopted this 1st day of February, 2006.

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Brian Herberg, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Verena Weber, City Administrator-Clerk