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**To: Annapolis City Council**  
**From: Planning Commission**  
**Re: Findings for O-09-18: Temporary Signs**

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of Ordinance 9-18 is to amend the size standards for temporary signs for community or civic projects or special events from twenty (20) square feet to thirty two (32) square feet.

**BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

There are two types of Temporary signs that are listed as "Exempt Signs" under 21.70 of the Sign Regulations. Exempt Signs are generally defined as signs that do not require a permit provided that they meet the standard outlined in Section 21.70.060 for the type of sign being proposed. The two types of Temporary signs are defined as (1) signs that announce the opening of a new business or special promotion with written approval from the Director of Planning and Zoning. Such signs are limited to 2 events per year and for a period of 30 days and; (2) community or civic project signs are for events of public interest and limited to twenty (20) square feet and shall not be displayed in excess of sixty (60) days.

Signs that are advertising a special promotion are not limited in size but do require the Directors approval. Community and Civic signs have a size limitation but do not require the Director's approval. Currently several community/civic organizations have been constrained by the current standard for these types of signs.


**PUBLIC HEARING AND DELIBERATION**

The Planning Commission on May 3, 2018 held a public hearing where one person from the public testified. Alderman Arnett testified to the purposes of the legislation and answered Commission members questions. Planning Commission members discussed the requirements for Temporary signs as it related to Civic purposes. Commission members recognized that the current standard for civic type of signs was not up to current standards of typical signs that are utilized today.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning Commission recommended by a vote, 5-0 to APPROVE passage of O-09-18

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018

  
Robert Waldman, Chair