

**BUILDING AND STANDARDS MEETING**  
**Monday, July 23, 2012**

**STATE OF TEXAS           §**

**COUNTY OF TARRANT   §**

**CITY OF BEDFORD       §**

**The Building and Standards Commission of Bedford, Texas, met at Bedford City Hall, 2000 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, Texas, July 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. for a planning work session, followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Randy Youngs           (Chairman)  
Ron Owens              (Vice Chair)  
Daniel Novocin  
Rick Nash

**STAFF PRESENT**

Russell Hines, Building Official  
Tommy Peterson, Code & Inspections Manager  
Charlotte Nadin, Secretary

(The following items were considered in accordance with the official agenda posted on July 20, 2012.)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Randy Youngs called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. He shared the Building and Standards procedure with the general public, reviewing the meeting format and procedure for the evening. This information is shared prior to each meeting held by the commission.

With the completion of his comments Chairman Youngs addressed the next item, which was the approval of minutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from April 30, 2012 were reviewed.  
Chairman Youngs asked if there was a motion regarding the minutes.

Ron Owens made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Daniel Novocin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Youngs declared the motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There being no old business, new business was addressed.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Youngs addressed the first item of business:

**Waiver Request B12-002: Request for the granting of a waiver to the “Special Sign Types” regulations to display electronic graphics on a 26” x 63” message board sign that is part of an existing monument sign at the Neal Law Firm, 300 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas.**

The Chairman asked if anyone was present representing the City to present this request. Russell Hines, Chief Building Official for the City of Bedford, stepped forward. He read the waiver request to the Special Sign Types 6.7, aloud, stating that this request was related to an existing monument sign with a 26 by 63 inch message board that is currently inoperable. It did at one time display the time and temperature. They now want to replace it with a sign that has electronic graphics display. It displays static pictures in different combinations. There are dissolve modes, messages with pictures that stay static a minimum of three seconds dissolving or wiping out. He also stated that a representative from the company was present and would be available to answer any questions the commission had.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions for Russell from the commission. There were none. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone to speak representing the Neal Law Firm.

Kenny Guinn, manager of Sign Authority stepped forward. He was representing Neal Law Firm with this request.

The Chairman asked if the commission had any questions for Mr. Guinn.

Daniel Novocin, as a matter of clarification, asked if the portion they wanted to replace was currently not working. Mr. Guinn stated that was correct. Mr. Novocin asked if the illuminated sign would only be advertising for the Neal Law Firm. Mr. Guinn stated that was correct.

Rick Nash wondered what type of lighting effects it would have. He was concerned for the safety and distraction of drivers.

Mr. Guinn stated that the sign was built with the capability to do full blown graphics and any limitations put on the sign's display would be determined by the city. It has 32 different levels of dimming and the lighting automatically dims during the day.

The Chairman called for any additional comments or questions.

Ron Owens had two concerns. He was concerned because the sign in question was very close to a major intersection with a traffic light and he wanted assurances the sign's brightness would be dimmed at night. Mr. Guinn assured them that it could be set to insure that would occur.

Mr. Nash asked where the residential area was in relation to the business. Russell Hines stated that the residential area was south and the sign, which is two-sided, faces east and west. The area is zoned commercial and is not inconsistent with other signs in the area.

Chairman Youngs stated that the approval should be based on the new sign meeting the requirements in the City of Bedford Sign Ordinance.

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The Chairman called for additional questions. There being none he asked if there was a motion.

Daniel Novocin made the following motion:

**MOTION:**

That the waiver be approved to permit.

Rick Nash seconded the motion.

The Chairman restated the motion for clarification: A motion to approve the sign as discussed here today which is consistent with the sign it is replacing and acknowledging that the sign will have to go through the normal permitting process.

The Chairman called for a vote. The vote was unanimous.

**Ayes: Commissioners, Nash, Novocin, Owens and Youngs.**

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

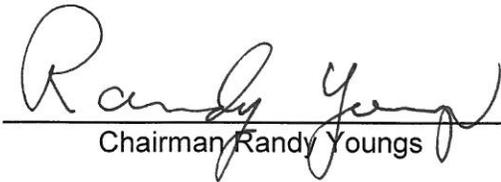
**ADJOURNMENT**

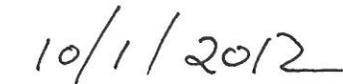
Chairman Youngs asked if there was other business to be brought before the board.

Chairman Youngs determined that there was no further business and called for a motion to adjourn.

Ron Owens made the motion. Daniel Novocin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

  
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Chairman Randy Youngs

  
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