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Subject: Response to Revised Staff Report_ IUP Application for Large Off-Premises Sign at 24-32-22-43-0002_Outfront Media
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Dear Ben:

RE: Interim Use Permit Application for OUTFRONT Media on the Steinke/Axness property, originally submitted 02-28-2020, parcel # 24-32-22-43-0002

We have received your Revised Staff Report dated September 21, 2020. Based on this report, recommending denial, OUTFRONT withdraws this IUP application. Installing a natural stone or similar materials pole cover 6 feet wide with a City logo does not make financial sense for OUTFRONT at this time, since the sign is operating at a break-even point at best. As you stated, the OUTFRONT proposed imitation stone pole cover would require a variance since it does not meet the similar materials in the City Code and a variance cannot be approved for financial reasons. We can remove the sign structure this winter, our current lease agreement with the property owners expires March 31, 2021. Thank you, John Bodger.

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From: Ben Gutknecht [mailto:planningtech@ci.columbus.mn.us]

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John,

Per our recent phone conversation, and in reviewing the three most recent City Council Meeting Minutes I've revised the Staff Report to accurately reflect the current findings of fact and staff recommendation.

This staff report will be in the 09.23.20 City Council Agenda as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the report or our previous conversation, and again, thank you for all your help and communication.

Ben Gutknecht

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Ordinance Publication Summary**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 AND 8 OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
CODE OF ORDINANCES**

The City Council of the City of Columbus adopted Ordinance No. 20-04, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7A, 7B, and Chapter 8 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances to Large Off-Premises Sign regulations on September 23, 2020 and approved this summary of the ordinance for publication on September 23, 2020.

The City Council has authority to regulate city municipal code in the City. Following discussion at the City Council and the City Planning Commission, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20-04 to amend the City Code as described in this summary publication as follows:

- **CHAPTER 7A, 7B, and CHAPTER 8**
This ordinance revises the following sections. 7A-512(A) site plan review submittal requirements; 7A-804(G) residential storage of certain vehicles; 7A-805 residential accessory building regulations; 7B-200 flag definition; 7B-201 directional sign standards; and 8-1002(E) lot line adjustment parameters.

This Ordinance was adopted by the Columbus City Council on this 23rd day of September and shall become effective after its publication. This is only a summary of Ordinance 20-04. A printed copy of Ordinance 20-04 is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the office of the City Clerk and on the City's Official website www.ci.columbus.mn.us. This title and summary of the Ordinance 20-04 is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 412.191 subd. 4.

By order of the City Council.
Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator

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