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Mr. William J. Mueller,  
Village President, and  
Board of Trustees  
Village of Lombard

**Subject: PC 09-26: Text Amendments to the Lombard Sign  
Ordinance pertaining to Temporary Signs**

Dear President and Trustees:

Your Plan Commission transmits for your consideration its recommendation regarding the above-referenced petition. The petitioner requests approval of text amendments to the Lombard Sign Ordinance pertaining to temporary signs. After due notice and as required by law, the Plan Commission conducted a public hearing for this petition on September 21, 2009.

Christopher Stilling, Assistant Director of Community Development, presented the petition. He stated that he will be providing a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the proposed text amendments. He said the goals of the proposed amendments to the Sign Ordinance is to create consistency, while still keeping with the intent and format of the existing Ordinance with regards to size, location and permitted number of signs.

Mr. Stilling explained some of the current inconsistencies with the Sign Ordinance related to real estate, political campaign, development, and “other temporary signs (banner, window, inflatable, etc)”.

Mr. Stilling indicated that the proposed changes would create more consistency and that real estate, political campaign, development, and “other temporary signs (banner, window, inflatable, etc)” would still remain as separate categories. However, regulations will be based on land use. Mr. Stilling then explained the changes made for each section of the Code.

Mr. Stilling explained that certain definitions were amended or created where necessary to ensure consistency and clarity. Lastly, Mr. Stilling discussed how the proposed text amendments addressed the comments and

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concerns raised at the Plan Commission workshop held on August 17, 2009 particularly as they relate to signage on residential properties as it relates to different land uses (churches, schools, etc), creating definitions for the temporary signage and illumination of signage.

Mr. Stilling stated that staff has addressed the required standards for the text amendments and that staff recommends that the Plan Commission approve the changes as proposed.

Chairperson Ryan then opened the meeting for public comment. No one spoke for or against the petition.

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Commissioner Sweetser stated that the new changes would prohibit inflatable signs in the attached, detached and two-family dwelling units. She then asked staff to clarify the definitions for balloons signs and inflatable signs for easier reading.

After due consideration of the petition and the testimony presented, the Plan Commission found that the petition complies with the standards required by the Lombard Zoning Ordinance; and, therefore, moved that the Plan Commission find that the findings included as part of the Inter-departmental Review Report be the findings of the Plan Commission and therefore, by a roll call vote of 4 to 0, recommended to the Corporate Authorities approval of the petition associated with PC 09-26.

Respectfully,

**VILLAGE OF LOMBARD**

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