

CASE # 2013-010  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-1

**TEXT AMENDMENT TO SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE**  
**REGARDING**

**WHEREAS**, the Sangamon County Board, pursuant to AN ACT IN RELATION TO COUNTY ZONING of the State of Illinois (Illinois Revised Statues 1967, Chapter 34, Paragraphs 3151 through 3162) adopted a zoning ordinance in April of 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to make the regulations more effective, it is necessary from time to time to consider amendments that correct deficiencies or that relate to current development circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable to enact new **regulations regarding fences and political signs**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health, Safety & Zoning committee of the Sangamon County Board has reviewed the proposed text amendment and recommends approval; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with State Statutes, the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals conducted a public hearing on **January 17, 2013** in order to seek public comment on the draft revision of the Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval of the proposed text amendments to the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance as Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

**FILED**

JAN 24 2013

*Joe Aiello*  
Sangamon County Clerk

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Members of the Board of Sangamon County, Illinois, in session this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013 that the request to amend the text of the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance as proposed in the attached Exhibit A is hereby approved.

Signed and passed by the Sangamon County Board in session on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & ZONING  
COMMITTEE OF THE SANGAMON COUNTY  
BOARD

  
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ATTEST:

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SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK

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COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

## EXHIBIT A

1. Amend 17.04 DEFINITIONS to include:

Berm. A raised barrier or mound constructed of compacted soil, composted material, loose gravel, stone, crushed rock or other earthen materials.

Grade, natural. The elevation of the ground level in its natural or original state, before construction, filling, or excavation.

Grade Plane. The average of finished ground level adjoining the building or structure at exterior walls. Where the finished ground level slopes away from the exterior walls, the reference plane shall be established by the lowest points within the area between the building or structure and the lot line, or, where the lot line is more than six (6) feet from the building or structure, between the building or structure and a point six (6) feet from the building or structure.

2. Amend Chapter 17.44 Fences, Walls or Hedges

17.44.010 Height, construction and restrictions.

B. In residential districts for interior lots, fences, walls, and/or hedges are allowed to a height of 4 feet along the front property line and along the side property line between the front property line and the building setback line. Anywhere behind the required front yard, a fence, wall, and/or hedge may be placed not to exceed 6 feet in height except that on reversed corner lots, where the rear lot line is the side lot line of the lot to the rear, a 6 foot fence may only be constructed up to one-half the depth of the required front yard on both sides of said lot lines. Fences, walls, and hedges are subject to the restrictions on obstructions in required yards on corner lots contained in Section 17.40.010 B of this ordinance. A clearance of three inches above natural grade shall be allowed for installation purposes and shall not count in determining the height of a fence.

3. Chapter 17.62 Signs

17.62.100 Signs Permitted in all Zoning Districts:

D. Temporary special events signs and decoration for special events, grand openings, or holidays. Such signs and decorations may be erected 7 days prior to a special event or holiday and shall be removed 7 days following the event or holiday. For grand openings such signs may be used for no more than 30 days. In residential zoning districts, one temporary sign not to exceed 12 square feet is permitted per zoning lot. In all other districts 2 temporary signs, not to exceed 16 square feet each are allowed. In the Agricultural District, agricultural test/demonstration plots shall be considered special events, which run from planting to harvest. Any number of political signs are permitted per zoning lot. ~~provided they are not placed on the property until 60 days before the date of the election or referendum and are removed within 7 days of the election and provided they comply with 17.62.030.~~ No political sign shall exceed 32 square feet. (Res. 9-1, 9-14-04).

RECAP  
(FOR COUNTY USE ONLY)

DOCKET NUMBER: 2013-010

ADDRESS: N/A

PETITIONER: Public Health, Safety & Zoning Committee of the Sangamon County Board

PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION: N/A

REQUESTED ZONING CLASSIFICATION: N/A

AREA: N/A

COMMENTS: None

OBJECTORS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: N/A

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION: Approval

  
RECORDING SECRETARY

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SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:)	DOCKET NO:	2013-010
<b>The Public Health, Safety &amp; Zoning</b> )		
<b>Committee of the Sangamon County</b> )	PROPERTY LOCATED AT:	
<b>Board</b> )	N/A	
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RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

THIS MATTER, Coming on for a hearing before the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals of Sangamon County, Illinois, and it appearing to said Board that a petition for a **text amendment** of the Zoning Regulations of said County has been filed herein by the above captioned petitioner (s); that legal publication has been made pursuant to law; and that a public hearing was held on **January 17, 2013** pursuant to law; and that said Board took testimony of witnesses, examined the evidence, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, therefore finds as follows:

1. That said Board has jurisdiction to consider the petition filed herein.
2. That the proposed changes are more particularly described in EXHIBIT A attached hereto and make a part hereof.
3. That required finding and standards of the Sangamon County Board of Appeals are accurately stated on the attached exhibit (s).
4. The evidence adduced at the hearing **does** support the proposition that the adoption of the proposed **text amendment** is in the public interest and is not solely in the interest of the petitioner (s).

IT IS, THEREFORE, the recommendation of the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals to the County Board of Sangamon County that the requested **text amendment** be **approved**.

*Charles Chimento/ck*  
 CHAIRMAN

MINUTES OF THE  
SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

There was a motion by Zoning Board Member **Byron Deaner** to recommend **approval** of this petition, which was duly seconded by **Don Wulf**.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

**YES: Charles Chimento, Byron Deaner, Peggy Egizii, Judith Johnson, Don Wulf**

**NO:**

**ABSENT: Janet Dombrisky**

  
RECORDING SECRETARY