Passed: 7-1 (Young)

RESOLUTION 96-22

Urging the County Plan Commission and County Commissioners to Adopt a Provision in the County Zoning Ordinance which would prohibit the Increase of Billboards in the County

WHEREAS, in May of 1995 the City of Bloomington adopted a Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance which, among other regulations, limited the number of billboards to those already in place, but allowed their relocation if the Board of Zoning Appeals found that certain criteria had been met and approved it as a conditional use; and

WHEREAS, this policy was implemented in order to preserve the visual and natural beauty of the community's roadways; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Working Session of the County Plan Commission on November 6, 1996, the proposed County Zoning Ordinance also contained a provision which prohibited the increase in billboards; and

WHEREAS, at the November 6th Working Session, the County Plan Commission added a new provision to the Zoning Ordinance which would allow eight new billboards per mile with a size of 300 square feet and a sign on each side; and

WHEREAS, these billboards could be installed along principle and minor arterial and major collector roads in General Business, Limited Business, Light Industrial, and Heavy Industrial zoning districts in the County; and

WHEREAS, the new provision would allow a great proliferation of billboards and would jeopardize the visual quality of the community's roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Bloomington urges the County Plan Commission and County Commissioners to incorporate a provision in the County's Zoning Ordinance which prohibits an increase of billboards within the County's Planning jurisdiction.

Section 2. The City of Bloomington offers to work together with the County in preserving the visual beauty of our roadways.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 13th day of November, 1996.

Patricia Cole

PATRICIA COLE, Vice President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 13 day of November, 1996.

JF Fernandez

JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution urges the County Plan Commission and County Commissioners to adopt a provision in the County Zoning Ordinance which would prohibit the increase of billboards in our community.

Signed copies to
✓ Inc Commission
✓ Inc Plan Comm
City Planning