

# COUNCIL CHAMBER

City of Berea, Ohio

Ordinance No. 2018-70

By Nick Haschka Sponsored By Mayor Cyril M. Kleem

## AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 303.05(G) AND (H) OF SECTION 303.05, SIGN ILLUMINATION STANDARDS, OF CHAPTER 303, SIGN STANDARDS, OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, ENACTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2012-29, ADOPTED MAY 7, 2012, TO CLARIFY THE COLOR OF LETTERING ON LED AND LCD DISPLAY BOARD SIGNS.

*WHEREAS*, Section 303.05(G) of the Zoning Code of the City of Berea requires that the color of lettering on LED signs be limited to amber; and

*WHEREAS*, Section 303.05(H) of the Zoning Code does not restrict the color of lettering for LCD signs; and

*WHEREAS*, it is not reasonable to have a color requirement for lettering on LED signs and no color requirement for lettering on LCD signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That the lighting requirements established in Section 303.05(G) and (H) of Section 303.05, Sign Illumination Standards, of Chapter 303, Sign Standards, of the Zoning Code of the City of Berea, which have heretofore read as follows:

- (G) LED Signs. Signs utilizing a light-emitting diode display (LED) shall be permitted subject to the following standards set forth below.
  - (1) An LED sign must be at least 250 away from the nearest residential dwelling.
  - (2) The sign lettering shall be amber and no other color.
  - (3) Scrolling text or animations are prohibited.
  - (4) A message must be displayed for a minimum duration of eight seconds before switching to the next message.
  - (5) Any LED sign shall be encased in stone, brick or wooden framing.
- (H) LCD Signs. Signs utilizing a liquid crystal display (LCD) or other technology that allows the sign to display a series of images shall be permitted subject to the following standards set forth below.
  - (1) An LCD sign must be at least 250 away from the nearest residential dwelling.
  - (2) Scrolling text or animations are prohibited.
  - (3) A message must be displayed for a minimum duration of eight seconds before switching to the next message.
  - (4) Any LED sign shall be encased in stone, brick or wooden framing.

shall be, and is hereby amended to, read as follows:

- (G) LED Display Board Signs. Display board signs utilizing a light-emitting diode display (LED) shall be permitted subject to the following standards set forth below.
  - (1) An LED sign must be at least 250 feet away from the nearest residential dwelling.

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- (2) Scrolling text or animations are prohibited.
- (3) A message must be displayed for a minimum duration of eight seconds before switching to the next message.
- (4) Any LED sign shall be encased in stone, brick or wooden framing.
- (H) LCD Display Board Signs. Display board signs utilizing a liquid crystal display (LCD) or other technology that allows the sign to display a series of images shall be permitted subject to the following standards set forth below.
  - (1) An LCD sign must be at least 250 feet away from the nearest residential dwelling.
  - (2) Scrolling text or animations are prohibited.
  - (3) A message must be displayed for a minimum duration of eight seconds before switching to the next message.
  - (4) Any LCD sign shall be encased in stone, brick or wooden framing.

**SECTION 2.** That former Section 303.05(G) and (H) are hereby expressly repealed and replaced by said new Section 303.05(G) and (H).

**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: December 17, 2018

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Clerk of Council

[Signature]  
President of Council  
APPROVED: December 19, 2018  
[Signature]  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]  
Director of Law