

## ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86 ZONING; ARTICLE XVI. SIGNS;  
SECTION 86-233, LANDSCAPING.

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare, as well as conservation of property values throughout the Town of Griffith, the Griffith Town Council believes it should regulate landscaping installed near proposed signs within Town; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide for the orderly development of the Town of Griffith, and the Town of Griffith Plan Commission having held a public hearing, and the Plan Commission having recommended that the Town Council adopt this Ordinance; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, that Chapter 86 Zoning, Article XVI. Signs, Section 86-233, Landscaping, subsections (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the Town ordinances are hereby amended in their entirety and shall hereafter read as follows, and that all other portions of said Section 86-233 shall remain unchanged:

Section 86-233. Landscaping.

- (a) Prior to the issuance of any sign permit for a self-supported ground sign, a landscaping treatment plan shall be submitted to the Building Department showing the location of the sign and landscape treatment to be provided. Should the Building Department disapprove the design, then the Board of Zoning Appeals shall make the final decision with no public hearing being necessary.
- (b) Each sign shall have at least 36 square feet of landscaping treatment encircling the sign.
- (c) Landscaping shall not be allowed to project higher than or obstruct the view of the sign.
- (d) Landscaping shall not encroach on public sidewalks, vehicular access ways, or public street or alley right-of-ways.
- (e) Landscaping shall be continuously maintained.

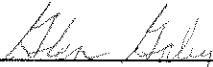
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any and all such Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Town of Griffith that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and of no further force or effect.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and posting in accordance with Indiana Code 36-5-2-10.

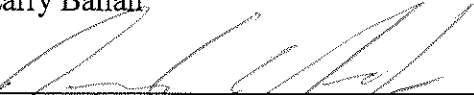
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

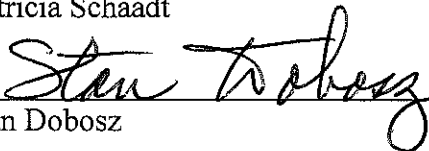
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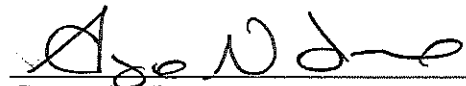
  
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