

# New sign ordinance in the works

by Nancy Hogland  
 Lake Ozark business owners may soon have an easier time understanding the city's regulations covering signs.

Margaret Davis, chairman of the city's Planning

and Zoning Commission, said a new, less complicated ordinance will be discussed at the commission's March 3 meeting. If approved, it will then go before the board of aldermen at their next meeting on Tuesday, March 9.

"I've been on Planning and Zoning for nine years and know that over the years we've continually been revising things. Because each zoning district had a different set of rules, the ordinance had gotten so detailed that it was hard to interpret and that caused a lot of confusion. City officials often times interpreted it differently than members of the commission and the board of aldermen, so it was hard

for anyone to agree on what what was and wasn't allowed," she explained.

A few months ago the commission decided to ask Building Inspector Charles Misenheimer to rewrite the ordinance, remove all conflicting language and re-write it in a way that it would be easily understood. Davis said while that was accomplished by the February meeting, some of the special considerations, like allowances for temporary banners for Strip businesses, were not included.

"That needs to be addressed, again, so there's no confusion. I also want to have the entire ordinance printed out so everyone - not just the commission, but also business owners who attend the meeting - can look it over. If we have other issues that need to be straightened out, I want to get them addressed before this goes to the aldermen," she said.

Lake Ozark meetings start at 6 p.m. and are held in the meeting room at the new City Hall.

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When choosing a repair facility for your vehicle you should ask several questions to make sure the facility can adequately service and repair your car, truck, or SUV.

**1. Is the facility qualified to work on my Make and Model of vehicle?** Make sure the technicians at the facility are fully trained and certified. Ask the facility for proof. The technicians will have certificates proving they are trained to perform work on your automobile.

**2. Who does the facility consult for answers or help?** A good repair facility will have access to technical support to help aid the technician in an unusual or difficult repair. The technician should also have the proper equipment to fix the vehicle accurately and in a timely manner. This accuracy saves you money by repairing the vehicle the first time and without a lot of guesswork. Without the proper diagnostic equipment, a repair can take longer which costs you more money.

**3. Does the facility offer a warranty on parts and labor?** Be sure you are familiar with the repair facility's policies concerning warranty and original equipment



Jason Hulett, President

parts. These policies vary greatly from facility to facility. If you want original equipment parts instead of "aftermarket parts" just tell the repair facility so you get what's best for you and your auto.

Choosing a repair facility is very important. Ask the facility about alternate transportation, payment options (they differ greatly from repair shop to repair shop), and warranty policies. Taking time to ask the correct questions can help build a great working relationship with your service center. It will save you time and lots of money over the life of your automobile!

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