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Via Hand Delivery

Mayor Bill Sheckles
City of Bardstown
220 North Fifth Street
Bardstown, KY 40004

Dear Mayor Sheckles,

Since 1994, the Planning Commission has served as the Sign Administrator of the Bardstown Sign Regulations through an informal agreement. Attached are copies of the agreements signed by Mayor Bill Brown dated January 4, 2000 and Mayor Dixie P. Hibbs dated July 29, 2004.

At its meeting Tuesday night and prior to the Humkey sign appeal on Tuesday night, the Planning Commission discussed the sign appeal and personnel complaint. The Planning Commission unanimously agreed that if the Director's sign interpretation was not upheld by the City Council, the Planning Commission would turn over the City's sign regulation administration and enforcement to the Bardstown City Council.

This letter is official notice that effective July 23, 2014, the Planning Commission will no longer serve as the Sign Administrator and that the Mayor should designate a Sign Administrator to administer and enforce the City's sign regulations, including the review and issuance of sign permits.

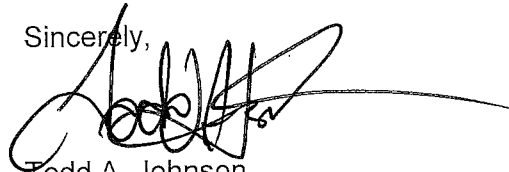
It is my understanding that the issue of funding of the Planning Commission was identified as a reason for the Planning Commission to continue the sign regulation administration and enforcement. Because the City's sign regulations are a stand-alone city ordinance, the administration and enforcement activities do not fall under the Interlocal Agreement and is not part of the City's annual contributions to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission's only compensation for the City's sign regulation administration and enforcement has been sign permit fees.

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The Planning Commission regrets that the Commission and its staff have been put in this position, but the Commission thinks that the Commission and its staff should spend its resources more effectively in updating the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and Comprehensive Plan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd A. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd A. Johnson
Chairman

Enclosures:

- (1) January 4, 2000 letter
- (2) July 29, 2009 letter
- (3) Interlocal Agreement