

RESOLUTION NO. 217**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD REQUESTING
THE MISSOURI STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT
LEGISLATION TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES'
CONTROL OVER BILLBOARDS**

WHEREAS, portions of the City of Chesterfield lie along Interstate 40/64, passing through residential areas as well as through the Chesterfield Valley; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature, in implementation of Lady Bird Johnson's Highway Beautification Act of 1965, was given the authority to control the issuance of permits for billboards within 660 feet of either side of Interstate 40/64 as well as other dual, divided highways which receive federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Beautification Act granted to states, if they so choose, the authority to provide for municipal control and regulation of billboards within their community; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature adopted the most restrictive option available in that it chose not to allow municipal control of billboards, being the only state in the country not to allow said control; and

WHEREAS, in the last 24 months, the state has issued 27 permits for new billboards to be allowed along Highway 40/64 in the Chesterfield Valley; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesterfield desires to set reasonable rules and regulations so that it has control in commercial and industrial areas as to size and spacing, along with other reasonable regulations similar to those as provided in many other states throughout the United States.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Chesterfield hereby requests the State Legislature of the State of Missouri to enact legislation granting to municipalities the authority to control new billboards within the municipal boundary so that the State of Missouri will be in conformance with the majority of the States throughout the United States.

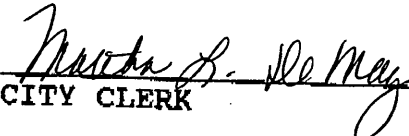
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Revised Missouri Statutes and/or the Missouri Constitution should be amended to 1) permit local governments to prohibit new billboards and remove existing signs through the constitutionally valid process of amortization, and 2) prohibit new billboards in unincorporated and unzoned areas

to eventually cause a reduction in the number of billboards in rural and scenic areas, and 3) prohibit the cutting of trees on public rights-of-way for the sole purpose of improving the view of a billboard.


MAYOR JACK LEONARD

ATTEST:

(ADOPTED 2/3/97)


CITY CLERK