

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body,

I, **Dylan Conley**, hereby petition the City Council to change the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Providence by adding a new subsection to the text of §2005, which would state the following:

F. Billboard Removal Incentive. No new construction of a nonconforming sign, Sign, Electronic Message, Billboard, Billboard/Outdoor Advertising, Electronic Message Sign qualifies for this incentive. The face of a pre-existing legal nonconforming billboard may be replaced with an Electronic Message Sign as a zoning incentive to induce and require the removal of nonconforming signs, Billboards, or Billboards/Outdoor Advertising. Only the replacement of an existing sign face qualifies for this Billboard Removal Incentive. Such new digital sign faces are only permissible if they are facing an interstate highway and are permitted and approved by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation. A digital billboard and/or sign and/or Sign, Electronic Message, and/or Billboard, and/or Billboard/Outdoor Advertising, and/or off-premises commercial advertising sign is a permitted use in industrial or commercial districts through administrative development plan review if:

- (1) at least twice (2x) the proposed digital sign face square footage is removed by the decommissioning and removal of other existing billboards owned or operated by the Applicant, throughout the City prior to operability; and
- (2) as a condition of issuance of the building permit for the digital sign, the sign operator must execute an agreement for a mitigation fee with the City payable

annually for either the duration of the use of the sign, or twenty years, whichever is less.

Petitioner, by and through their attorney:

/s/ Dylan Conley

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