



## Opportunities to Encourage the Removal of Legally Nonconforming Signs

The proposed code allows nonconforming signs which were legally constructed to remain until removed by the owner. The Planning Commission suggested the City Commission be presented with incentives to encourage legally nonconforming signage to be removed. The following incentives may be pursued to encourage removal of legally nonconforming signage:

- Waive or Reduce the Permit Fee for a Replacement Sign. The City may incentivize the removal of legally nonconforming signs on private property by waiving or reducing the sign permit fee for replacement signs.
- Waive the Permit Fee for a Demolition Permit. Though most signs do not require a demolition permit, a demolition permit is required for larger signage type such as billboards. The City may waive or reduce the demolition permit fee associated with legally nonconforming signs.
- Grants. The City may provide a reimbursement grant to property owners whom demonstrate they have removed a legally nonconforming sign. The grant may reimburse the removal costs and/or the cost to install a replacement sign.

Each of the opportunities identified above requires funding by the City Commission.