

**CITY OF PALMER ACTION MEMORANDUM No. 08-052**

**SUBJECT:** Direct the City Manager to Prepare an Amendment to the 2008 Fiscal Year Budget to Appropriate the Funds in the Amount of \$8,500 for the Alterations to the Sign Located at West Cedar Avenue and South Alaska Street

**AGENDA OF: July 8, 2008**

**Council action:** Directed

**Approved for presentation by B.B. Allen, City Manager** *Pat Allen*

Route To:	Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
X	Originator – City Manager		
X	City Clerk	<i>JK</i>	
X	City Attorney	<i>[Signature]</i>	
	Public Safety Director		
	Administrative Services Director		
	Community Services Director		
	Planning & Community Development Director		
	Public Works Director		

**Attachment(s):**

**Fiscal note:**

	No fiscal impact.	
	Funds are budgeted from this account number:	
X	Funds are not budgeted. Budget modification is required. Affected account number:	08011044

Finance Director Signature: *[Signature]*

**Summary statement:** Stan Guthrie built a new structure for County Cuts Salon on the corner of S. Alaska Street and W. Cedar Avenue. He applied for a sign permit to erect a sign on the SE corner of his property, very near to the property line. The permit was granted and the sign was built in full compliance of the City's code. However, the sign has generated numerous comments about the inability of vehicles turning onto S. Alaska Street to see oncoming traffic. Staff researched other municipal codes and found generally sight triangles are specified in code which do not allow anything above 3' or below 8' at corner locations. The Department of Community Development staff is the process of preparing similar code language for the City of

Palmer.

Staff has met with Mr. Guthrie who has indicated he will cooperate with the city in moving the sign, but would like to preserve all of the parking spaces currently on site. Electricity is already at the sign location. A compromise was reached with the property owner and city staff to leave the sign in the current location, but raise it so that the bottom of the sign would be 8' off the ground. Staff has received a quote from the original construction company, Super Signs to cut the existing pipe, attach a stronger pipe extension, drill a new hole, extend power to the new hold, install the pole, fabricate the pole enclosure, attach it to the pole, reinstall the existing sign, cap the old hole and patch the asphalt. This will ensure the sign is built to the wind load specified by the City and to the satisfaction of the property owner. The proposed cost is \$8,500.

The City Manager asked the Police Department to render a professional opinion regarding the sign in terms of public safety. It was determined the sign created sight impediment for traffic turning from W. Cedar Avenue, requiring traffic to transverse the crosswalk prior to executing any turns.

**Administration recommendation:** Adopt action memorandum no. 08-052.