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Proposed Sign Ordinance Available for Public Review on City Website

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Planning and Community Development Department invites members of the public to review and comment on the comprehensively updated sign ordinance.

The current sign ordinance was last comprehensively reviewed and adopted in April 23, 1996. The sign ordinance update comes as a result of the Supreme Court Decision *Reed v. The Town of Gilbert*, which determined localities cannot regulate signage based upon the content of the sign. The changes made to the sign ordinance include addressing any content-based language, providing the option for temporary signs, and adjusting the ordinance to be more reader friendly. The proposed sign ordinance would replace the current sign ordinance.

The proposed sign ordinance can be found on the city webpage at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/sign-ordinance-update.

City staff will also host a panel discussion on the proposed sign ordinance on **January 17, 2019 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm** at City Hall in Room 011 located in the basement of City Hall. All members of the public are invited to attend the panel discussion, which will start promptly at 4:00 pm.

Comments on the draft sign ordinance will be accepted until January 31, 2019 and can be submitted by emailing Rachel.Drescher@HarrisonburgVA.gov.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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