City of Lakewood

Mayor: Tom Faulk
Vice Mayor: Avery Green
City Manager and City Recorder: Victor Ellis
Commissioners: Ken Donoho • Harold Long • Louise Wooden
City Attorney: Louis Oliver, III
City Judge: Dan Alexander
Chief of Police: Jack Camp

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE REQUESTING THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPONSOR AND INSURE THE ENACTMENT OF AN EXEMPTION OF SIGNS FROM TCA 13-7-208.

WHEREAS, sign companies have used TAC 13-7-208 as a means of suing cities to change small signs into billboards otherwise illegal in the City; and

WHEREAS, billboards should be a matter of local regulation and not subject to the lobbies of the large sign companies; and

WHEREAS, in the case of OUTDOOR WEST OF TENNESSEE, INC. (Lamar Advertising of Tri-Cities), v. CITY OF JOHNSON CITY. No E1999-00412-COA-R3-CV, June 26, 2000 and other cases have interpreted TCA 13-7-208 as an authorization to increase small signs into billboards or to add faces or enlarge billboards; and

WHEREAS, billboard advertising companies have misused the statute and converted it from its intended purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Lakewood, that upon passage of this Resolution, it will be come the policy to sponsor and insure the enactment of a bill substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto in order to deprive billboards from the protection of TCA 13-7-208.

ADOPTED THIS THE 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2001.

APPROVED:

Tom H. Faulk

Tom Faulk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victor Ellis

Victor Ellis, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Louis Oliver III

Louis Oliver, City Attorney

3401 Hadley Avenue • Old Hickory, TN 37138 • (615) 847-8030 • (615) 847-2187 • (615) 847-3711