

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-65

**WHEREAS**, the current state of the national and local economy has put a strain on the ability of businesses to attract customers; and,

**WHEREAS**, businesses have expressed a desire to advertise the location, name of business, or names of tenants on on-site free-standing signs that do not conform with the current Charles County Sign Ordinance ; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current Charles County Signs Ordinance, passed in 2010, requires non-conforming free-standing signs to meet current standards if the non-conforming sign is replaced, under Charles County Code, § 297-327; and,

**WHEREAS**, after deliberation, the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland, have determined that it is in the public interest and in the interest of the local economy to allow businesses to replace an existing non-conforming free-standing sign that is taller than the law allows and contains more tenant names than the law allows with another non-conforming free-standing sign; and,

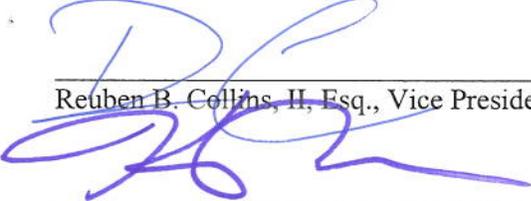
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the restrictions set forth in Charles County Code § 297-324(A)(4) & § 297-324(A)(5), regarding the height of freestanding signs, and Charles County Code § 297-324(A)(7)(b), regarding the number of tenant listings a freestanding sign may contain, shall be of no force and effect, as applied to existing non-conforming free-standing signs, on a temporary basis, and shall not be enforced again until five (5) years after the date of this Resolution; and,

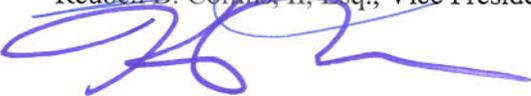
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all other provisions contained in Charles County Code § 297-324 shall continue to apply to freestanding signs.

ENACTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011, by the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland.

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