

**ORDINANCE 13-54    Passed: August 26, 2013**

**APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A NONCONFORMING SIGN ON PROPERTY ZONED "CBD" CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AT 112 EAST LINCOLN HIGHWAY TO ALLOW FOR A VARIATION FROM ARTICLE "13" SIGNS OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO ERECT A SEASONAL 256 SQUARE FOOT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE SIGN ON THE WEST BUILDING WALL.**

**WHEREAS**, the NIU Intercollegiate Athletic Department has filed a petition with the City Clerk of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, for a special use permit to allow for and erect one 256 square foot football schedule sign located on the west wall of 112 East Lincoln Highway with the intent to convey communiversy pride to the public on property zoned "CBD" Central Business District; and,

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and reviewed the request on August 14, 2013 and recommended approval of the special use permit amendment by a vote of 5-0-0 (Stravers & Castro Absent), subject to conditions; now,

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** of the City of DeKalb, Illinois as follows:

**Section 1.** That a special use permit to allow for a 256 square foot football schedule sign on property zoned "CBD" Central Business District at 112 East Lincoln Highway, subject to the following condition:

1. That the sign be moved to the south along the wall approximately six feet to become essential framed by the building's roofline element.
2. That the sign will allowed to be up each year for the duration of the football season.
3. That the sign shall be maintained in good condition, year-round.
4. The sign shall be limited in content and message to only advertising the Northern Illinois University athletics program between August 1 and June 1 (on a recurring basis), and to only advertising a "communiversy" message between June 1 and August 1 (with such message being acceptable to the City), and shall bear no other commercial message.
5. This special use may be terminated by the City by passage of an ordinance revoking the same, without further process or hearing.

**Section 2.** That all provisions of the Unified Development Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, and this Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval according to law.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** of the City of DeKalb, Illinois at a regular meeting, held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013 and approved by me as Mayor on the same day. Second reading waived and passed on roll call vote 6-0-2. Aye: Finucane, Snow, Naylor, Baker, O'Leary, Rey. Absent: Jacobson, Lash.

**ATTEST:**

*Elizabeth E. Peerboom*  
ELIZABETH PEERBOOM, City Clerk

*John A. Rey*  
JOHN REY, Mayor

