REGENT STREET REDEVELOPMENT

The Regent Street Steering Committee has recommended that something be done with the existing off-premise signage in this area. It has been stated that the signs along Regent Street are unattractive and promote visual clutter.

ADAMS AGREES WITH THIS OPINION. However, under the current City of Madison ordinances, we are limited to what can be done with our signs via the 50% rule relating to nonconforming structures. They cannot be relocated, reconstructed, or improved more than 50% of their value.

Because of these strict limitations, it is in AOA's best interest to have the longest possible lease term we can negotiate with our land owners. Our leases on Regent Street run as long as twenty-years, which is common for our industry.

This ordinance change is necessary in order to rebuild or relocate our signs along Regent Street so that they will fit with their new surroundings as this street is redeveloped.

Perhaps the signs can be modified in their current form, or perhaps moved to other locations such as a wall, or a monument type sign.

If the ordinance is not passed, the Regent Street signs, along with the balance of AOA's signs in the City of Madison will need to remain as they currently are, which is not in the best interest of either the City of Madison or AOA.

















