

**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**  
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**TO:** Jackie Brown, Director  
Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee

**FROM:** Maurene Epps McNeil  
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**Re:** CB-79-2021

I have reviewed the above referenced legislation and have the following comment.

I understand why the Planning Board is requesting this bill. I do not see a legal impediment to allowing applicants to pay a private vendor and retrieve their public notice signs from private vendors. I do worry that it may result in applicants paying more for their signs however, and I also worry about each body having wildly different types of signs.

As a technical note, I believe all Special Exception applications are currently filed with the Planning Director and that process is still followed in the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite. Accordingly many of the ZHE hearing signs will have to be prepared by the Applicant as well.