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Memorandum

To: **Planning Commission**

From: Michael Cerbone, AICP
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Date: July 8, 2019

Re: **Planning Commission Workshop Follow up – Docket Item C-7**

This is a supplemental staff report outlines questions from planning commissioners from the July 2, 2019 Planning Commission workshop on docket item C-7. Questions and responses from staff are outlined below.

Question: Why was appendix H not adopted under the 2016 International Building Code (IBC)?

Response: There are other sections within the International Building Code that cover structural design and basic standards that the County applies to the regulation of signs. The Building Official is not recommending adoption of Appendix H at this time.

Question: Why is 7 feet in height the threshold between needing and not needing a building permit? Why is there no width dimension?

Response: The 7 foot threshold was decided based on the definition of a fence in section one of the IBC. The Building Official said there is little to no risk for a sign up to 7 feet and the risk is similar to a basic fence.

Question: Why is the general public not able to print out the IBC?

Response: The general public does not have the ability to print directly from the IBC website, however there are third party websites to print from if need be. The name of one of the websites where it can be printed is called Upcodes.

Here is a link to Upcodes: <https://up.codes/viewer/washington/ibc-2015/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#1>