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H.B. No. 2945

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a municipality's method of compensating a person for
3 the removal of a sign as required by the municipality.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 216.010, Local Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

7 (f) Except as prohibited by federal law, the municipality
8 may pay the compensable costs to the owner of a sign by allowing:

9 (1) an off-premise sign to remain in place or be
10 removed to and remain at an approved alternative location for a
11 period sufficient to recover the compensable cost of the sign,
12 based on the average annual gross revenue as determined under
13 Section 216.008, beginning on the date the municipality notifies
14 the sign owner that the sign must be relocated, reconstructed, or
15 removed; or

16 (2) an on-premise sign to remain in place for a period
17 sufficient to recover the compensable cost of the sign, based on the
18 average annual gross revenue as determined under Section 216.009,
19 based on a determination by the municipal board of the average
20 annual gross revenue that would be generated by the sign in its
21 specific location if the sign were used as an off-premise sign
22 rather than an on-premise sign.

23 (g) During the period in which a sign remains in place or at
24 an approved alternative location under Subsection (f), the owner of

1 the sign shall maintain the sign in compliance with all other
2 regulations applicable to the sign, including structural
3 regulations.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.