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COD Issued Citations for Violation of Stop Work Order

College of DuPage contractors renewed installation of signs on the COD Glen Ellyn campus, despite two adverse court rulings and prior pledges to work with the Village of Glen Ellyn to forge an interim agreement. Upon learning of the resumption of work, the Village of Glen Ellyn issued citations to the College of DuPage and sign contractor Western Remac of Woodridge, IL. The citations were issued for violating a stop work order, and for conducting work without permits on the COD campus.

A Village Building Inspector observed new sign-related work on campus today. This work was undertaken despite previous written and verbal warnings that enforcement action would be forced to occur without proper permitting.

“I am shocked and disappointed at the action COD has taken,” stated Village Manager Steve Jones. “Despite Glen Ellyn’s warnings, two adverse court decisions, and their attorneys’ pledge to negotiate an interim agreement concerning the signs, the College has restarted work.” Jones stated that the College would be responsible for both the payment of the citations and removal of the non-conforming signs. “We don’t understand why the College would proceed with the sign installation when there is a real risk that they will have to remove them.”

COD previously attempted to stop the Village from enforcing its sign related ordinances through the filing of a temporary restraining order. On June 18, 2010, Associate Circuit Court Judge Thomas Dudgeon denied the request of the College. On June 28, 2010, the Illinois Appellate Court denied COD’s appeal.

The Village and College have been in discussions pertaining to resolving several of the jurisdictional issues that have been in dispute. According to Jones, “We are presently scheduled to participate in mediation on August 13, and are attempting to reach terms with interim agreements. We have always remained open to finding the necessary middle ground to resolve this dispute.”

“Lawsuits and citations may not be serving the taxpayers of our community in the most appropriate manner” remarked Village of Glen Ellyn President and former College of DuPage Trustee Mark Pfefferman. “I have confidence that these two great institutions will do what is right and negotiate acceptable terms for all involved. This does not have to be this difficult.”

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