

and devices from the standpoint of esthetics in the designated area and it is against this broad intent of the enactment that we must consider the language employed in Paragraph (f) of the ordinance.

In connection with the interpretation of legislation, the enacting body will be presumed to have inserted every part thereof for a purpose, and to have intended that every part of a statute should be carried into effect. The maxim "ut res magis, quam pereat", requires not merely that legislation should be given effect as a whole, but that effect should be given to each of its provisions. Legislation should not be construed in such a manner as to render it ineffective or inefficient if another construction will make it effective. It is a cardinal rule of statutory construction that significance and effect should, if possible, without destroying the sense of effect of the law, be accorded every part of the act, including every section thereof. Under this rule, that construction is favored which will render every word operative, rather than one which makes some words idle and nugatory. Welsh v. Kuntz, 196 Md. 98, 75A.2d 343.

It is readily apparent that the provisions of paragraph (f) are couched in permissive, rather than prohibitory, language and permit a specifically described sign to be used to designate a public parking facility. By authorizing the use of a particular sign, it reasonably follows that the intent of the City Council was to forbid the use of any sign which does not meet the prescribed standards. Any ruling to the contrary would result in making the provisions of paragraph (f) virtually meaningless and significance and effect must, if possible, be accorded every part of any legislation.

In this case it is evident that the sign involved does not meet all of the specifications mentioned in the ordinance and, therefore, we are constrained to conclude that the proposed sign is not legally permissible under the provisions of Ordinance No. 663.

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