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Amending Title 5, Chapter 109 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Building Code: Signs and Billboards.

The City Council of The City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 109.10 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

109.10. Definitions. ~~As used in this chapter:~~

~~*Area* shall mean the surface included within the framework of any sign or billboard, measured from outside to outside of such framework, ladders and scrollwork not included.~~

~~*Backlit awning sign* shall mean a fireproof space frame structure with translucent flexible reinforced vinyl covering designed in awning form, but whose principal purpose and use is signage. Such signs are internally illuminated by fluorescent or other light sources in fixtures approved under national and state electrical codes.~~

~~*Billboard* shall be construed to mean all structures which derive their major support and stability from structural members other than those that are an integral part of another structure or building, which structures are erected, maintained or used for the public display of posters, painted signs or reading matter.~~

~~*Frontage* shall mean a section of the front of the building, twenty (20) feet in width, extending from the ground to the top of the building.~~

~~*Globe sign* shall include any illuminated globe attached to the exterior of a building or structure and on which advertising matters or letters of any kind appear.~~

~~*Occupant* shall mean any person owning or renting, and occupying a building or any part thereof, and for the purpose of carrying on business therein. Wherever it is stated in this Code that only one sign is permitted for any occupant of a building, it shall mean but one projecting sign advertising the wares or business of that occupant only.~~

~~*Sign* shall mean any device or surface on which letters, illustrations, designs, figures or any other symbols are painted, printed, stamped, raised or in any manner outlined or attached, and used for display.~~

~~*Street* shall be construed to mean the area between property lines and shall include the roadway, outside boulevard, sidewalk and inside boulevard as designated by this Code.~~

~~*Street property line* shall mean the line of demarcation between public property and private property.~~

~~Temporary sign shall be a sign erected for a limited period of time which may be constructed of approved nonconforming materials. The time period permitted shall be as established by the zoning ordinance or as determined by the director of inspections.~~

~~Wall sign shall mean any sign attached to or erected against the wall of a building or structure, with the exposed face of the sign in a plane generally parallel to the plane of said wall. No portion of any such wall sign shall project from the wall more than fifteen (15) inches except those projections permitted by section 109.110.~~

Section 2. That Section 109.20 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

109.20. Sign hangers, billboard erectors to be licensed. No person shall install, reconstruct, alter, repair or remove any sign upon the exterior walls or upon the roof of any building, or erect, reconstruct, alter or repair any billboard within the city without first having secured a license from the ~~city council~~ director of regulatory services authorizing him or her to do so. Such licenses shall be divided into two (2) kinds, sign hanger's license and billboard erector's license. Billboard erectors' licenses shall include erecting, reconstructing, altering or repairing billboards as defined in section 530.160 only.

~~Sign hangers licenses shall be further divided into two (2) classes: Class A sign hangers license and Class B sign hangers license. Class A sign hangers licenses shall include all branches of the business of installing, reconstructing, altering, repairing or removing signs upon the exterior walls or upon the roof of any buildings and erecting, reconstructing, altering or repairing billboards. Class B sign hangers licenses shall be limited to all branches of the business of installing, reconstructing, altering, repairing or removing signs or fixed awnings/canopies which fall within the following parameters:~~

~~(a) Banners having an area less than one hundred twenty (120) square feet, the top of which may be placed up to twenty (20) feet above the curb level;~~

~~(b) Exterior wall signs having an area less than forty (40) square feet, any single dimension of which is not to exceed seventeen (17) feet, and the top of which may be placed up to twenty (20) feet above the curb level;~~

~~(c) Nonilluminated ground signs having an area less than forty (40) square feet, the top of which may be placed up to twenty (20) feet above the curb level;~~

~~(d) Installing new or recovering of existing canopies, fixed awnings, or back-lit awning signs, on which there are nonadvertising signs; and~~

~~(e) Specifically excluded from Class B sign hangers licenses is any signage placed on the roof of buildings; projecting signs; signs requiring engineered structural elements or structural alteration, repair and removal.~~

~~Said licenses shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 277, Article XIV, of this Code.~~

~~Said licensed person shall, in each and every instance before installing or altering any sign, billboard, awning, canopy or back-lit awning for which a permit is required under the provisions of this Code, obtain a permit therefor from the director of inspections.~~

Section 3. That Section 109.30 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

109.30. Permits required. Except as hereafter provided, in section 109.50 and 543.40, no person shall paint or install any sign in any manner upon, or attached to, or supported by any building, on the exterior thereof or erect or construct any billboard ~~except a nonadvertising sign which is twelve (12) square feet or less in area, and not over six (6) feet above ground to any part of the structure,~~ without first obtaining a permit ~~therefor~~ from the director of inspections regulatory services. An application for a sign permit shall be filed on a form approved by the director of regulatory services along with all supporting documentation including the permit fee. ~~Permits for the erection of billboards, advertising wall signs, advertising roof signs, poster panels or ground signs shall not be issued except upon action of the city council, except such billboards, wall signs, roof signs, poster panels or ground signs which are less than seventeen (17) square feet in area. Further, liquor or beer advertisements and signs must comply with the provisions of section 360.30 of this Code. For the purposes of this section, a poster panel is a wall sign not exceeding two hundred (200) square feet in area, or a billboard, ground sign or roof sign used for signposting.~~

~~Permits for on-premise business signs required by this section and section 360.30 of this Code, to have city council approval, shall not be issued until the applicant has furnished the following: A blueprint, diagram or illustration indicating the location and placement of the sign on the property or building, along with an illustration showing how the sign will appear, including all permanent copy. Permits for advertising signs required to have a council permit by this section or section 360.30 of this Code shall not be issued until the applicant has furnished the following: A copy of a sign location lease between the licensed sign company and the owner of the property; a blueprint, diagram or illustration indicating the location and placement of the sign on the property or building, along with an illustration showing how the sign will appear, including all permanent copy. Permanent copy for the purposes of this section shall mean copy painted on the wall of the building or copy intended to remain in place for a period of one year or longer.~~

Section 4. That Section 109.40 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.40. Poster panel permits and regulations.** (a) No person shall post, paste, fasten, tack, erect or otherwise affix any placard, bill, poster, advertising matter, notice or other like sign used as or which constitutes an "advertising sign" as defined in section 522.40 of this Code, or cause the same to be done, upon or on any public or private property when the same is located out-of-doors in view of the general public. Unless placed upon a poster panel, billboard or other signboard erected for that purpose and for which a permit has been obtained.~~

~~(b) A permit for such poster panel or other such signboard shall be obtained from the director of inspections. Such permit shall not be issued until the applicant has submitted upon a form supplied by the department of inspections, satisfactory evidence to the director of inspections that the owner or person in control of the property upon which the poster panel is to be located has given permission to locate the poster panel on said property.~~

Section 5. That Section 109.50 of the above-entitled ordinance is amended to read as follows:

109.50. Permit exceptions. No sign permit shall be required for the installation of the following signs. The sign area of exempt signs shall still count towards the overall signage allocation.

(a) Any sign the area of which, computed by multiplying its greatest width by its greatest length, is less than three (3) square feet and which merely announces the name of the proprietor or the nature of the business conducted at that location; nor for globe signs, as defined in this Code; nor for

~~(b) Signs placed on the inside of any building, including window signs; nor for the~~

~~(c) Replacement of the removable display board or panel or other removable display surface of a sign or of a billboard having a stationary framework or structure so designed that a display board or panel or other display surface may be inserted therein or attached thereto or removed therefrom whenever desired without unfastening or removing said stationary framework or structure from its supports; nor for~~

~~(d) Approved signs loosened from their supports and taken down, painted and replaced without any change having been made in their size or form, or in the ownership thereof; nor for bulletin boards not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area for public, charitable or religious institutions when attached to the buildings of such institutions. Nor shall a permit be required for~~

~~(e) Repainting any legal, existing projecting sign, flat wall sign, roof sign, ground sign, billboard, or when there is no change in copy or size for a sign painted directly on the wall of a building for which previous permit had been issued, nor for the reposting of signs or billboards erected specifically for the purpose of posting and for which a previous permit had been issued.~~

Section 6. That Section 109.60 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.60. Political campaign signs.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, no license or permit shall be required for the placing of temporary political campaign signs not more than thirty-two (32) square feet in area where the placing of such signs is authorized by the zoning ordinance. Lawn signs shall be removed six (6) days after a general election.~~

Section 7. That Section 109.80 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.80. Application for permit.** Every licensed sign hanger, applying for a permit for the installation of a sign, shall state the name of the owner of such sign, the location of the building on which it is to be installed, the size and cost of the proposed sign and the materials of which it is to be constructed and such other information in connection therewith as may be required by the director of inspections, and when required by the director of inspections, shall file with the department of inspections plans and specifications for such sign, which shall show the proposed design and construction of such sign and the manner in which it is to be attached to the building on which it is to be installed, and the nature and size of the materials to be used in such installation. Every licensed billboard erector, applying for a permit for the erection of a billboard, shall state the name of the owner of such billboard, the address of the lot on which it is to be erected, the size and cost of the proposed billboard and the materials of which it is to be constructed and such other information in connection therewith as may be required by the director of inspections, and shall file with the department of inspections plans and specifications for such billboard which shall show the proposed design and construction of such billboard, the materials to be used in such billboard and a plot plan to show the proposed location of such billboard with respect to property lines and other buildings on the same property or adjacent property.~~

Section 8. That Section 109.90 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.90. Electric signs wired outside city.** In the case of each electric sign manufactured and wired outside the city, but to be installed within the city, no permit for the hanging of such sign shall be issued by the director of inspections until a permit covering the wiring of such sign shall have first been secured from the department of inspections by a licensed electrician who thereby assumes all responsibility for bringing said wiring into conformity with the requirements of this Code; nor then until said wiring shall have been inspected and approved by an electrical inspector of the department of inspections.~~

Section 9. That Section 109.100 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.100. Permit to keep signs, billboards.** No person shall keep or maintain any sign or billboard, as defined in the building code, for which an annual maintenance fee shall have been established by Chapter 91, without first having applied to and obtained from the director of inspections a permit to do so, the number of which permit shall be recorded in the department of inspections. Such permit shall expire on the first Monday of May of each and every year thereafter, and shall be renewed annually on or before said date for as long as such sign or billboard shall be so maintained; however, no such permit shall be required until the first Monday of May following the erection and construction of such sign or billboard for which a permit under section 109.30 shall have been obtained.~~

Section 10. That Section 109.110 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.110. Wall signs over public property.** The sign spreaders of all flat walls extending over public property shall limit the thickness of such signs to fifteen (15) inches, and if channels or electrical tubing and lamps are used they shall not project more than four (4) inches beyond said face. Such signs attached flat against the face of a building wall abutting on a street, alley or public property, or attached as close thereto as the construction or projections of the building will permit, shall not be held to project over such street, alley or public property, for the purposes of this Code, and shall not be subject to the regulations for signs projecting over a street, alley or public property.~~

Section 11. That Section 109.120 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.120. Height of wall signs over public property.** Flat wall signs extending over public property a maximum of fifteen (15) inches may be hung so that the lowest point thereof shall be not less than eight (8) feet above the level of the sidewalk, except flat wall signs that extend three (3) inches or less over the public property may be hung at any height over public property when constructed entirely of uncombustible material except for nailing rails or ribbons which may be of wood of two-inch nominal thickness.~~

Section 12. That Section 109.130(a) of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

109.130. Construction of signs on buildings. (a) All signs attached to or placed on any building shall be adequately supported and secured to such building by iron or metal anchors, bolts, supports, chains, stranded cables, steel rods or braces, in a manner subject to the approval of the director of inspections regulatory services. No staples shall be used for securing any projecting sign to any building. All projecting and roof signs shall be constructed and braced to withstand a horizontal wind pressure of at least thirty (30) pounds for every square foot of surface exposed in any such sign.

Section 13. That Section 109.150 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

109.150. Sign maintenance and removal. All signs, together with all of their supports, braces, guys and anchors, shall be kept in repair and in proper state of maintenance. The display surfaces of all signs shall be kept neatly painted or posted at all times. When the posted or painted surface of an existing sign is found to be missing, peeled, blistered, cracked, flaked, scaled or chalked away on more than twenty-five (25) per cent of the surface area of the sign, such sign shall be deemed in need of repainting, posting or removal. The director of inspections regulatory services may order the removal of any such sign that is not so maintained or painted, or the supports, guys, braces and anchors of which are not so maintained, and it shall be unlawful for the owner or person having

charge of such sign not to have the same repaired or removed after receiving notice from the director of inspections regulatory services to do so.

Section 14. That Section 109.155 of the above-entitled ordinance is amended to read as follows:

109.155. Abandoned signs. Any sign which advertises a commodity, service or entertainment no longer in existence and any sign which directs attention to a business, profession, commodity, service or entertainment no longer in existence at the premises on which such sign is located, shall be deemed abandoned and shall be removed by the owner of the premises on which such sign is located within thirty (30) days of notice so to do from the director of inspections regulatory services or shall have shown reasonable cause for failure so to do. The removal required by this section shall include all supporting brackets, frames or other structural elements of the abandoned sign. The obtaining of an annual sign maintenance permit shall in no way be construed to modify, alter or extinguish the enforcement of this section.

Section 15. That Section 109.160 of the above-entitled ordinance is amended to read as follows:

109.160. Height Clearance over public property right-of-way. ~~(a) Except as provided in section 109.430(a), no sign, projecting over public property, shall be so hung that the lowest point thereof will be less than twelve (12) feet above the level of the sidewalk, except such signs as do not exceed four (4) square feet in area and do not project over public property more than twenty-four (24) inches, which signs shall be hung not less, at any point, than seven and one-half (7 1/2) feet above the level of the sidewalk, and excepting, also, (a) Signs extending over public right-of-way may be hung so that the lowest point thereof shall be not less than eight (8) feet above ground elevation except flat wall signs not to extend six (6) inches shall have no minimum clearance.~~

~~(b) Signs projecting over public alleys, which shall not be hung less than fifteen (15) feet above the level of any such driveway public alley. (b) — No portion of any electric sign, inclusive of the supports or attachments thereof, shall project more than eight (8) feet and six (6) inches over public property measured along the sign in the direction of projection, nor to within less than eighteen (18) inches from the outer curbline.~~

Section 16. That Section 109.220 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended as follows:

109.220. Electrical requirements. All electrical signs require an electrical permit issued by the department of inspections. Every electrical sign shall be wired and installed to meet the requirements of the electrical code of the city.

Section 17. That Section 109.230 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.230. Sign identification.** Every sign, erected and attached in any manner to a building, shall be plainly marked with the name of the contractor or erector. Said contractor or erector shall also attach in an approved manner a permit number label upon each sign in such a manner and place so as to be easily viewed and readable. The permit label shall be furnished by the department of inspections and shall not be removed, painted over or defaced.~~

Section 18. That Section 109.240 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

109.240. Removal of unsafe signs. Every sign heretofore installed which is deemed unsafe by the department shall be either removed immediately on the order of the director of inspections regulatory services or shall be put in a safe condition.

Section 19. That Section 109.250 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.250. Swinging or moving signs.** (a) No swinging sign shall be erected or hung on, or attached to, any building after May 13, 1955; and every such sign so erected, hung or attached prior to said date, which is deemed unsafe by the department, shall be immediately removed by the owner thereof or changed to conform with ordinance requirements, when so ordered by the director of inspections. All existing swinging signs shall be removed or be altered to comply with present ordinance requirements by January 1, 1956.~~

~~(b) No permit for erection of any revolving or mechanically animated sign or billboard shall be issued until detailed plans and specifications have been approved by the director of inspections.~~

~~(c) All such signs and billboards shall be constructed entirely of metal and no shaft shall be less than one-half inch in diameter of which adequate provisions shall be provided to maintain proper lubrication at all times.~~

~~(d) No pendulum-type sign shall project over public property.~~

Section 20. That Section 109.260 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.260. Space between wall and sign.** In no case shall more than two (2) feet of space intervene between the inner edge of any projecting sign and the face of the wall from which it projects.~~

Section 21. That Section 109.290 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

109.290. Inspection, correction of signs. ~~(a) The director of inspections shall inspect all new installations hereafter made of signs on or attached to buildings, and the manner of fastening, anchoring, bracing and supporting of all such signs and the materials and workmanship in connection therewith shall be subject to the director's approval. Any person installing any projecting or roof sign on or attached to any building, or any sign (other than a projecting sign) attached to the exterior wall of any such building and exceeding forty (40) square feet in area shall arrange for and secure the inspection and approval by said inspector of all fastenings, anchorages, bracing, etc., for such sign before the same are so concealed or covered up as to interfere with or prevent a competent inspection of same.~~

~~(b) Said inspector~~ The director of regulatory services shall inspect all new and existing signs on or attached to buildings as often as may be practicable. Where any such signs or their fastenings, anchorages, supports or bracing are found to be in an unsafe, insecure or defective condition or not in compliance with any ordinance provisions applicable thereto, the inspector shall order and compel the removal of any such sign or the elimination of such unsafe, insecure or defective condition or material, or require such changes as may be necessary to bring such sign and its fastenings, supports and bracing into conformity with ordinance requirements, as the case may require. The owner or person in charge or control of such sign shall, when so ordered by the director of inspections regulatory services as above provided, forthwith remove such sign, eliminate such unsafe, insecure or defective condition or material or so change such sign and its fastenings, supports and bracing as to bring the same into conformity with ordinance requirements, as so ordered.

Section 22. That Section 109.300 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.300. Globe signs.** No globe sign attached to any building shall exceed eighteen (18) inches in diameter, or project over public property more than thirty (30) inches, or at a less height, in the clear, than twelve (12) feet above the sidewalk or fifteen (15) feet above an alley.~~

Section 21. That Section 109.310 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.310. Reflectors.** No reflector used to illuminate any sign shall project over public property at a less height than twelve (12) feet above the sidewalk or fifteen (15) feet above any alley. Where it extends over a sidewalk, no portion of such reflector or its supports shall extend beyond a point eighteen (18) inches inside the curblines.~~

Section 22. That Section 109.320 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.320. Sign classification restriction.** Except as hereinafter provided, where a sign is subject to more than one classification, all regulations governing the various classifications to which said sign is subject shall be applicable to such sign.~~

Section 23. That Section 109.340 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.340. Combustible plastics.** Combustible plastics may be used in the construction of letters, decorations and facings on any sign. This material, when so used, shall burn no faster than 2.5 inches per minute in 0.060 inch thickness when tested in accordance with A.S.T.M. Standard Method Test for Flammability of Plastics over 0.050 inch in thickness (D635-44).~~

Section 24. That Section 109.350 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.350. Structural steel.** All structural steel used in the construction of or to support, anchor or brace any sign or billboard shall be of a minimum thickness of one-fourth inch when such steel is exposed to the weather.~~

Section 25. That Section 109.360 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.360. Wood.** Where wood is permitted in the construction of any sign or billboard, such wood shall be given two (2) coats of exterior paint before or at the time of erection and shall be painted every two (2) years thereafter.~~

Section 26. That Section 109.370 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.370. Banner signs.** (a) Temporary signs and banners attached to a building and constructed of canvas or other cloth or other combustible material, with or without framework, shall be strongly constructed and shall be securely attached to their supports. They shall be removed, including all framework and supports, as soon as damaged or torn and in no case later than sixty (60) days after erection.~~

~~(b) Temporary signs of combustible material shall be not larger than one hundred twenty (120) square feet in area for each twenty (20) feet of building frontage. There shall not be more than one temporary sign on any building frontage.~~

~~(c) No temporary sign of combustible construction shall project over public property but may extend a maximum of six (6) inches from the face of the building.~~

~~(d) Temporary signs of combustible construction shall not be hung so as to cover either partially or completely any door, window or opening required for ventilation.~~

Section 27. That Section 109.380 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.380. Wood signs.** (a) No wood sign erected after May 13, 1955, attached to the front of a building, shall exceed three (3) square feet in area, nor shall more than one such sign be attached to each street front of a building for any one occupant thereof.~~

~~(b) Cutout letters of wood or Tempered Prestwood or other similar material of equal properties as to strength, fire and moisture resistance, may be erected on the street frontage of a building when mounted on metal supports. Such signs shall not exceed sixty (60) square feet in area, as determined by multiplying the greatest width by the greatest length of the combined group of letters for every twenty (20) feet of building frontage. Only one such sign shall be permitted for any occupant of the building.~~

~~(c) No wood or metal clad wood sign erected after May 13, 1955, shall project over public property.~~

Section 28. That Section 109.390 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.390. Metal and metal clad wood signs.** (a) All metal signs which project over public property shall be constructed of metal not lighter than No. 24 U.S. Standard Gauge.~~

~~(b) Nonilluminated metal signs shall not project over public property more than six (6) feet, inclusive of supports, nor shall such metal signs exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in area, nor shall more than one such sign be attached to each street front of a building for any occupant thereof.~~

~~(c) All metal signs that exceed twenty-five (25) feet in area shall be illuminated and shall meet all the requirements for electric signs as stated in section 109.420.~~

~~(d) No section of a metal or metal clad wood sign, attached basically parallel to the face of a building which face fronts on a street, shall exceed three hundred (300) square feet in area for any twenty (20) feet of street frontage on such building.~~

Section 29. That Section 109.400 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.400. Wire mesh or open signs.** (a) A wire mesh or open sign, within the meaning of this Code, shall be any sign constructed of wire mesh or open metal work in such a manner that the total area of the openings in the sign shall be at least equal to one-half the total area of the sign.~~

~~(b) No section of a wire mesh or open sign, attached against or parallel to the street front of a building, shall exceed three hundred (300) square feet in area for any twenty (20) feet of street frontage on such building.~~

~~(c) No wire mesh or open sign, projecting over public property, shall exceed one hundred twenty-five (125) square feet in area nor shall more than one such sign be attached to each street front of a building for any occupant thereof.~~

~~(d) No wire mesh or open sign, placed parallel to the street front of a building, shall extend more than fifteen (15) inches over public property, measured on a line at right angles to the face of the building.~~

~~(e) — No wire mesh or open signs, attached at any angle to the street front of a building, shall project more than six (6) feet over public property, measured on a line at right angles to the face of the building.~~

Section 30. That Section 109.410 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.410. Glass signs.** (a) No section of a glass sign, attached against the street front of a building, shall exceed four (4) feet in its vertical dimension, at any story.~~

~~(b) — No glass sign shall project more than six (6) feet over public property.~~

~~(c) — No glass sign, projecting over public property, shall exceed forty (40) square feet in area, measured on all the combined display faces of the sign, nor shall more than one such sign be attached to each street front of a building for any occupant thereof. Only plate glass or wire glass shall be used in the exposed panels of any such sign, except that transparent or translucent material other than glass may be substituted therefor if first approved by the department of inspections, as equally safe for such use.~~

~~(d) — Glass box signs, projecting over public property, shall not project more than six (6) feet, nor exceed forty (40) square feet in area, measured on all the combined display faces of the sign, nor shall more than one such sign be attached to each street front of a building for any occupant thereof. Only plate glass or wire glass shall be used in the exposed panels of any such sign, except that transparent or translucent material other than glass may be substituted therefor if first approved by the department of inspections as equally safe for such use.~~

~~(e) — Where double strength glass is used in the construction of glass signs no exposed panels of such glass in any such sign shall exceed one hundred forty four (144) square inches in area between supporting metal ribs. Single strength glass shall not be so used in the construction of any glass sign.~~

~~(f) — If plate glass is employed in the construction of any glass sign, no exposed panel of such glass shall exceed ten (10) square feet in area between such metal supports. If wire glass is so employed, it shall not be less than one fourth inch in thickness and no exposed panel of such glass shall exceed twenty (20) square feet in area between such metal supports.~~

~~(g) — Glass signs shall be constructed that each panel of glass therein shall be securely fastened to the body of the sign, independently of all other panels.~~

~~(h) — Glass signs shall be constructed in metal frames only, properly painted for protection against corrosion. Wherever sheet metal is used as a part of a panel, the thickness of such metal shall not be less than No. 22 U.S. Standard Gauge.~~

~~(i) — A glass sign shall mean any sign the design and advertising matter of which is outlined by illumination from within the sign and the exposed glass panels or surfaces of which are securely held in place by the members of the metal structure of the sign.~~

Section 31. That Section 109.420 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.420. Electric signs.** (a) An electric sign, within the meaning of this Code, shall be any sign the illumination of which, in whole or in part, is accomplished by electric wiring, material or devices installed on, in or in any manner attached to or connected with such sign.~~

~~(b) — Signs illuminated by electric lights, and the display faces of which are made of glass, shall be subject to the regulations hereinbefore provided for glass signs, and shall also conform to all requirements relating to the wiring of electric signs, as provided for in this Code, pertaining to electric wiring.~~

~~(c) — Electric signs must be constructed entirely of metal, glass, porcelain or other noncombustible material except as provided in section 109.340.~~

~~(d) — Sheet metal used in construction of electric signs must not be less than No. 24 U.S. Metal Gauge. All metal must be galvanized, enameled or treated with at least three (3) coats of anticorrosive paint or compound.~~

~~(e) — Bottoms of signs for outdoor use, or otherwise exposed to dampness, must have sufficient drain holes at least one-fourth inch in diameter.~~

~~(f) — No section of an electric sign erected after May 13, 1955, attached against the street front of a building, shall exceed three hundred (300) square feet in area for any twenty (20) feet of street frontage on such building.~~

~~(g) — No section of any sign erected or attached against the wall of a building after May 13, 1955, shall prevent access to electrical boxes and fittings.~~

~~(h) — No electric sign erected after May 13, 1955, attached at any angle to the street front of a building shall project over public property more than eight (8) feet and six (6) inches, measured along the sign in the direction of projection, except as provided in section 109.430; nor shall more than one such sign be attached to each street front of a building for any one occupant thereof. No electric sign erected after May 13, 1955, placed at any angle over public property shall exceed four hundred (400) square feet in area.~~

~~(i) — The distance between the principal parallel faces of an electric sign, projecting over public property, shall not exceed twenty (20) inches. An additional four (4) inches will be permitted beyond each face for channels or electrical tubing and lamps.~~

~~Where any totally enclosed V-type projecting sign is erected over public property, its outermost face shall not exceed twenty (20) inches in width nor shall such sign exceed six (6) feet in width at point of attachment to building. An additional four (4) inches will be permitted beyond each face for channels or electrical tubing and lamps.~~

~~(j) — Every electric sign, projecting over public property, shall be sufficiently lighted by electric devices to give at least an intensity of ten (10) footcandles of illumination for every square foot of sign area, measured on all the combined display faces of such sign.~~

~~(k) — Before any electric sign is installed in place, or the wiring in the same concealed, the erector or manufacturer thereof shall notify the electrical inspector in the department of inspections, who shall make or have made, an inspection of such sign within forty-eight (48) hours thereafter within the city, and if approved by said inspector, said sign may then be installed in place.~~

~~(l) — The use of flashers or chasers on any projecting electric sign, located within thirty (30) feet of the corner formed by the intersection of the street property lines, is prohibited unless the flashing or chasing actions are a minimum of sixteen (16) feet above the level of the sidewalk. If the sign is located beyond a distance of thirty (30) feet from the corner formed by the intersection of the street property lines, the flashing or chasing actions may be a minimum of fourteen (14) feet above the level of the sidewalk.~~

~~(m) — Projecting electric signs may be carried back over the roof of the building from which the sign projects. If the portion which extends over the roof exceeds one hundred (100) square feet in area or extends more than ten (10) feet back of the face of the building, all provisions of this Code with respect to roof signs will govern that portion of the sign.~~

Section 32. That Section 109.430 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.430. Signs on marquees, fixed awnings, backlit awnings, porticos.** (a) There shall be no advertising on marquees, backlit awnings, or canopies projecting over public property, except that a name or nameplate designating the owner or operator shall not be construed as advertising. Further, the letters of an identification marquee, backlit awning, or canopy sign shall not exceed sixteen (16) inches in height, except that the uppercase or capital letters and the upward or downward extensions of any lowercase letters in a script sign shall not exceed thirty-six (36) inches in height; and in a block letter sign, such letters shall not exceed sixteen (16) inches in height, except in a trade name or logotype, the larger letters shall not exceed thirty-six (36) inches in height. In no case, however, shall the total distance from the bottom of the lowest letter to the top of the highest letter exceed forty-two (42) inches.~~

~~(b) — No letters shall extend below the marquee or canopy unless the bottom of the letter is at least twelve (12) feet above the sidewalk and there shall be no more than three (3) such signs on any one marquee or canopy, or more than one sign on any one marquee or canopy face.~~

~~(c) — There may be an extension of a maximum of eleven (11) inches beyond the face of a marquee or canopy to provide for an eight-inch wire raceway and three-inch channel letters, or a raceway not exceeding eight (8) inches in height may be installed either above or below a marquee or canopy. However, no raceway may be installed below a marquee or canopy unless the bottom part of such raceway is at least ten (10) feet above the sidewalk. The provisions hereinabove shall not apply to any area in the city where the erection and maintenance of signs is specifically restricted.~~

~~(d) — No signs of any type may be placed upon the face, above or under any marquee, fixed awning, backlit awning, or portico in the following described area: Nicollet Avenue from Washington Avenue to Grant Street.~~

~~(e) — Attraction panels shall be permitted on theatre marquees or canopies in addition to the permitted name or nameplate, with the following limitations: ("Theatre" as used in this section only means a building in which entertainment is provided by the showing of pictures on a screen or by live production upon a stage and which building is designed with an auditorium with permanent seating.)~~

~~(1) — Attraction panels shall list by means of lettering or other symbols only what is currently playing inside the theatre, or coming attractions which will be presented in the theatre.~~

~~(2) — The overall outside height of a theatre attraction panel shall be a maximum of seven (7) feet six (6) inches.~~

~~(3) — Theatre attraction panels shall have interior illumination only.~~

~~(4) — There shall be a maximum of three (3) attraction panels on any one theatre marquee or canopy but not more than one attraction panel on any one face. If a theatre has more than one marquee or canopy on any one street frontage, the maximum of three (3) attraction panels will then pertain to the entire street frontage.~~

~~(5) — Signs may be erected on any theatre marquee or canopy under the limitations listed above or may be erected above the theatre attraction panel with the same size and height limitations. Identification signs shall be limited the same as attraction panels as to number permitted.~~

~~(6) — Traveling or chasing lights will be permitted on the face of any attraction panel within the size limitation for such panel or as soffit lighting under such theatre marquee or canopy.~~

~~(7) — Attraction panels must be removed from the theatre marquee or canopy when the theatre permanently closes and may not be used for any other occupant, business or enterprise.~~

~~(f) — Where permitted under this article, signs on fixed awnings or canopies may be illuminated (back lit), if the fixed awning or canopy is noncombustible throughout and if illumination is accomplished in accordance with applicable electrical codes.~~

Section 33. That Section 109.440 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.440. Roof signs.** (a) Every sign, placed upon the roof of a building, shall be either a metal, metal clad wood, open wire or open metal sign. Such a sign may have borders of wood provided that such borders do not exceed four (4) inches in width. No metal clad wood roof sign shall exceed one hundred (100) square feet in area. Illuminated roof signs of metal construction, including metal panels, may have cutout displays or letters of plywood or masonite construction. If the cutout displays or letters are electrified they must be of metal or noncombustible construction as well as the roof sign proper. The cutout displays and letters shall in no instance extend to a point to exceed ten (10) feet above the top of the roof sign, five (5) feet beyond the sides or five (5) feet below the bottom of the roof sign. The cutout displays or letters shall in no instance project over public property. The area of any cutout display or letter shall not, in any instance, exceed the area of the metal panels forming the roof sign proper, nor shall the aggregate area of all the cutout displays and letters exceed an area which is twice the area of the metal panels forming the roof sign proper.~~

~~(b) — Roof signs shall not project over public property.~~

~~(c) — No sign shall be so placed on the roof of any building as to prevent free passage of persons from one part of said roof to another part thereof.~~

~~(d) — Every sign, exceeding one hundred (100) square feet in area and placed on the roof of any building, where such roof is not a pitched roof, shall be so supported that there shall be a clear space of at least three (3) feet between the top of such roof and the bottom of such sign.~~

~~(e) — Every roof sign shall have a substantial framework of structural steel, and all facings of any such sign shall be of metal; provided that wood strips not exceeding four (4) inches in width may be used as a backing for such facing. No permit shall be granted by the director of inspections for the installation of a roof sign on any building except where in the inspector's opinion proper strength and stability will be afforded in the structure of both building and sign and in the anchoring and bracing of such sign, or then until detailed plans affording all information necessary to permit the proper calculation of such strength and stability shall have first been submitted to and approved by said inspector.~~

Section 34. That Section 109.450 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.450. Billboards.** (a) No billboard shall exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height except as hereinafter provided for cutout displays and letters. This height shall be the overall height measured from the average level of the ground beneath such billboard, where such average ground level is not lower than the average level opposite such board of the nearest curb of the street toward which such billboard faces, or of the lowest street faced by such billboard where it faces toward more than one street. Where the average ground level under the billboard is lower than such adjacent average curb level such overall height shall be measured from such average curb level opposite such billboard. All billboards erected after May 13, 1955, over eighteen (18) feet in overall height, as above provided, or~~

when located within the fire limits or fireproof district, shall be constructed entirely of metal or other noncombustible materials in all parts thereof except ornaments and trim.

Illuminated billboards of metal construction, including metal panels, may have cutout displays or letters of plywood or masonite construction. If the cutout displays or letters are electrified, then the cutout displays or letters must be of metal or noncombustible construction as well as the billboard proper. The cutout displays and letters shall in no instance extend to a point to exceed ten (10) feet above the top of the billboard, five (5) feet beyond the sides or five (5) feet below the bottom of the billboard. The area of any cutout display or letter shall not, in any instance, exceed the area of the metal panels forming the billboard proper, nor shall the aggregate area of all the cutout displays and letters exceed an area which is twice the area of the metal panels forming the billboard proper.

(b) — Billboards erected after May 13, 1955, shall not be placed so as to be within twenty-five (25) feet of any corner formed by the intersection of street property lines or of a street property line and a right-of-way of a railway intersecting such a street. The twenty-five (25) feet referred to above shall be in the form of a triangle with two (2) sides formed by the property lines and the third side formed by a straight line connecting the twenty-five-foot points on the other two (2) sides.

In cases where billboards are supported by steel supports which do not exceed twelve (12) inches in any lateral dimension and where the steel supports are not closer than six (6) feet center to center of supports and when the lowest part of the billboard is eight (8) feet above the sidewalk level, such billboard may be placed anywhere within the lot lines.

Billboards shall not be erected, remodeled, repaired or maintained so as to block or obstruct any fire escape or any window, door or opening used as a means of egress or for fire fighting purposes. Billboards shall not, in any manner, be attached to or supported by any fire escape or be placed so as to interfere or block any opening necessary for required ventilation.

Billboards may be erected to butt against the wall of any building not used for dwelling purposes if a minimum clear opening of four (4) feet is provided below such billboard. Billboards may be erected against any wall of any building of masonry construction unless such building is used for dwelling purposes. No portion of a billboard, including supports, when erected on the same lot with a dwelling, shall encroach upon the minimum yard spaces required by the city zoning code for such dwelling. No portion of any billboard shall be erected after May 13, 1955, within five (5) feet of any wall of any building of frame construction unless such billboard is constructed entirely of metal or other noncombustible material.

(c) — No portion of any billboard upon which any swing or pendulum-type advertisement is attached shall project over public property.

(d) — Billboards which are erected principally parallel to the street property line may extend over the public property a maximum of fifteen (15) inches when the lowest portion of the billboard is eight (8) feet above the level of the sidewalk.

Such billboard shall be of all metal or noncombustible construction and the display surface or panels shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.

(e) — Every person to whom a permit for the erection of a billboard is granted by the director of inspections shall paint or stamp his or her name on the structural framework of such billboard, together with the number of the permit so issued.

(f) — All steel used in the construction of, to support, anchor or brace any billboard shall be of a minimum thickness of one-fourth inch when such steel is exposed to the weather.

(g) — Every person erecting any billboard shall forthwith take away and remove from the lot on which it is erected any and all debris, such as waste bills, posters or other rubbish of any nature.

~~(h) — Every person to whom a permit is issued for the erection of a billboard shall, during such time as such billboard is maintained, keep it in good repair and in safe and stable condition.~~

~~(i) — Whenever any billboard is found to be in an unsafe condition by the director of inspections, the director shall notify the owner or the person maintaining such billboard to either remove or repair the same. No person shall erect, build, set up, keep or maintain any billboard or portable sign upon or in any street.~~

~~(j) — When any portion of a billboard projects over public property all of the supports for such billboard shall be of structural metal and such billboards shall meet all the construction requirements of this chapter for projecting signs. The erection, reconstruction, alteration, repair or removal of such a billboard shall be performed by a licensed sign hanger or a licensed billboard erector.~~

~~(k) — Wherever a billboard is removed, all columns, anchors and other appurtenances thereto shall be removed to grade level.~~

~~(l) — No billboard erected before May 13, 1955, shall be rebuilt, altered or moved to a new location without being brought into compliance with the requirements of this chapter.~~

Section 35. That Section 109.460 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.460. Backlit awning signs.** (a) All frames are to be manufactured from tubular or structurally shaped steel or aluminum with finishes or coatings as required to ensure against corrosion.~~

~~(b) — Vinyl fabric coverings are to be fourteen (14) ounces per yard minimum weight with certification as to tensile strength and flame resistance to meet industry, building, and fire code standards.~~

~~(c) — Fastenings and/or structural attachments to buildings must be only to structural members and of sufficient size and strength to meet Uniform Building Code Standards.~~

~~(d) — All electrical components and/or lighting equipment is to be labeled and rated for protected outdoor use.~~

~~(e) — Ceilings are optional and may consist of "egg crate," mesh fabric or solid plastic material. Removable panels or sections must be provided to allow access for service and cleaning.~~

~~(f) — Backlit awning signs may be attached to buildings or structures in accordance with the height and length requirements of the zoning code and the projection requirements of Chapter 95, entitled Projections and encroachments, specifically 95.135, Backlit awning signs.~~

Section 36. That Section 109.480 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.480. Where article applicable.** This article shall control all signs in the area bounded by the following described line: Beginning at Third Avenue South and Tenth Street, thence northwesterly along Tenth Street to LaSalle, thence northeasterly along LaSalle Avenue to Eighth Street, thence northwesterly along Eighth Street to the alley parallel to and one hundred fifty (150) feet more or less southeasterly of Hennepin Avenue, thence northeasterly along said alley to Sixth Street, thence northwesterly along Sixth Street to Hennepin Avenue to Fourth Street, thence southeasterly along Fourth Street to Third Avenue South, thence southwesterly along Third Avenue South to the point of beginning.~~

Section 37. That Section 109.490 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.490. "Lot" defined.** As used herein, the term "lot" shall mean a single tract of land consisting of one or more platted lots, or lots of record, or parts of such lots, and used by the owner or occupant as a single place of business.~~

Section 38. That Section 109.500 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.500. Nonflashing signs.** Nonflashing business signs are permitted subject to the following:~~

~~(a) The gross area of all business signs on a lot shall not exceed the following:~~

~~One story building—Four (4) times the lineal feet of street frontage of said lot.~~

~~Two (2) story building—Six (6) times the lineal feet of street frontage of said lot.~~

~~Three (3) story building—Eight (8) times the lineal feet of street frontage of said lot.~~

~~Four (4) story building—Ten (10) times the lineal feet of street frontage of said lot.~~

~~Five (5) or more story building—Twelve (12) times the lineal feet of street frontage of said lot.~~

~~(b) Signs shall bear thereon no lettering other than to indicate the name and kind of business conducted in the building or structure such as "men's clothing," "drugs," "jeweler," and the like, but permitting company slogans not in conflict with the foregoing, and the year the business was established and the street number thereof.~~

~~(c) Signs except roof signs (see below) shall be flat against the wall with a projection of not over fifteen (15) inches.~~

~~However, a V-shaped sign with two (2) equal facings may project twenty (20) inches from point of attachment at the middle of the "V," provided that the total length of the sign along the face of the wall shall not be less than five (5) feet nor more than six (6) feet.~~

~~(d) Roof signs: Signs located on the roof of a building shall:~~

~~(1) Not project beyond the face of any wall of said building;~~

~~(2) Be mounted so as to be at least six (6) feet above the surface of said roof at the point of mounting;~~

~~(3) Have a total height not to exceed thirty-five (35) feet measured from the surface of said roof at the point of mounting or highest point of the parapet wall. Signs higher than thirty-five (35) feet in height shall be subject to application for conditional use permit.~~

~~(e) Special signs: The director of inspections may issue a permit for a temporary sign which announces a special event related to the business conducted on the premises provided said sign is removed within thirty (30) days of time of installation. Only six (6) such permits per location for a total not to exceed one hundred (100) days may be issued in any calendar year.~~

~~In addition, the director of inspections may issue a permit for a temporary sign extending greetings to the public during a religious or public holiday period, and greetings to a group or association during the time of a convention or community event. Decorations incidental to a "greeting sign" shall not be considered part of the sign area.~~

~~Provided, further, that for such temporary signs the city council, for good cause shown, may permit such signs to project more than fifteen (15) inches from the face of the building.~~

~~In addition, the director of inspections may issue a permit for a temporary sign supporting an authorized communitywide charitable drive.~~

~~Said signs shall be removed within sixty (60) days of the time of installation.~~

For purposes of control of gross area of signs, these special signs shall be limited in area to the following:

~~One story building--Four (4) times the lineal feet of street frontage of said lot.~~

~~Two (2) story building--Six (6) times the lineal feet of street frontage of said lot.~~

~~Three (3) story building--Eight (8) times the lineal feet of street frontage of said lot.~~

~~Four (4) story building--Ten (10) times the lineal feet of street frontage of said lot.~~

~~Five (5) story building--Twelve (12) times the lineal feet of street frontage of said lot.~~

~~(f) Project signs. The director of inspections may issue an annual permit for a temporary sign describing a construction or improvement project including the names of the contractors, architects, engineers, owners, etc. Such sign may be in place only during the period that said project is under construction and while valid building permits are in force.~~

Section 39. That Section 109.510 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.510. Advertising signs.** Advertising signs are permitted in the above-described area subject to the following conditions:~~

~~(a) Said sign shall be flat on a wall of a building which wall shall be located on the boundary property line (if said wall has no openings within ten (10) feet of extremities of perimeter of sign or supporting members, said sign may be independently supported from ground if located within fifteen (15) inches of said building wall) or shall be separated from the district boundary only by undeveloped property and shall in either case be facing an area not included in the above-described district. On undeveloped property located on the boundary of the district, one freestanding or mounted sign per unit as described in (b) below and located within such unit and facing at from seventy-five (75) degrees to ninety (90) degrees to the boundary of the district and not facing the district may be located in the one hundred (100) feet of any private property closest to the district boundary.~~

~~(b) Number and length limitations: Only one sign having an area of not more than eight hundred twenty-five (825) square feet shall be permitted for the first one hundred (100) feet of lot frontage and one additional such sign for each additional one hundred (100) feet of lot frontage.~~

~~(c) Projection: All such signs shall be flat against the wall with a projection of not more than fifteen (15) inches from the face of the wall, provided further that reflector type lighting devices which direct light on the face of said sign may project seven (7) feet from the face of the wall.~~

~~(d) Height: No sign shall project higher than fifty (50) feet above curb level. For signs over fifty (50) feet above grade, a conditional use permit may be granted by the city council.~~

~~(e) For purposes of this article, "undeveloped property" shall mean any property which is unimproved above ground level except for paving, shrubbery, trees and similar plantings and except for one single story accessory building having a total floor area not exceeding three hundred (300) square feet.~~

Section 40. That Section 109.520 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.520. Public service signs.** The city council may issue a conditional use permit for a sign, flashing or nonflashing, giving public service information such as weather, time, temperature, stock averages and the like.~~

Section 41. That Section 109.530 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.530. Special provisions.** (a) *Projection:*~~

~~(1) — In the above-described area where limitations are imposed by this article on the projections of signs from the face of the wall of any building or structure, such limitations shall not apply to identification canopy or marquee signs indicating only the name of the building or the name of the principal occupant of the building or the principal product available therein on any marquees or canopies, provided that any identification sign located on a marquee or canopy shall be affixed flat to the vertical face thereof.~~

~~(2) — Provided, further, that the letters of an identification canopy or marquee sign may not exceed sixteen (16) inches in height, except that the uppercase or capital letters and the upward or downward extensions of any lowercase letters in a script sign may be not exceed thirty-six (36) inches in height; and in a block letter sign, such letters may not exceed sixteen (16) inches in height except in a trade name or logotype the larger letters may not exceed thirty-six (36) inches in height. However, in no case can the total distance from the bottom of the lowest letter to the top of the highest letter exceed forty-two (42) inches. The city council may issue a conditional use permit for a marquee sign having more than one line of lettering provided that the total height of the portion of the sign containing more than one line of lettering shall not exceed sixteen (16) inches in height.~~

~~(3) — Provided, further, that no letters shall extend below the canopy ceiling unless the bottom of the letter is at least twelve (12) feet above the sidewalk and that there be no more than three (3) such signs on any one marquee or canopy, or more than one sign on any one canopy face.~~

~~(4) — Provided, further, that there may be an extension of a maximum of eleven (11) inches beyond the face of a marquee or canopy to provide for an eight-inch wire raceway and three-inch channel letters, or that a raceway not to exceed eight (8) inches in height may be installed either above or below marquee or canopy.~~

~~(5) — Provided, further, that where otherwise permitted under the terms of this article, all marquee or canopy signs may be illuminated in accordance with the building code.~~

~~(6) — Further, no other sign shall extend beyond the limits of said marquee or canopy or be supported by said marquee or canopy.~~

~~(b) — Signs on awnings shall be exempt from the limitations imposed by this article on the projection of signs from the face of the wall of any building or structure, provided that any sign located on an awning shall be painted or printed on the surface thereof, and shall be nonilluminated and shall indicate only the name and/or address of the establishment. Further, no such sign shall extend vertically or horizontally beyond the limits of said awning. Vertical surface of portion of awning parallel with wall to which it is affixed shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in vertical height. End enclosures for awnings shall not project below limit noted above.~~

~~(c) — A sign in direct line of vision of any traffic signal, from any point in the traffic lane from a position opposite the near sidewalk line to a position one hundred fifty (150) feet before said sidewalk line, shall not have red, green or amber illumination.~~

~~(d) — All signs shall be mounted in one of the following manners:~~

~~(1) — Flat against a building or wall.~~

~~(2) — Back to back in pairs so that back of sign will be screened from public view.~~

~~(3) — In clusters in an arrangement which will screen the back of signs from public view.~~

~~(4) — All backs of signs or structures showing to public view shall be painted and maintained a neutral color or a color that blends with surrounding environment.~~

~~(e) — Signs which are nonconforming to the provisions of this article may be maintained and repainted, but the replacement of the sign face with a new sign face (excluding insertable panels for central repainting of temporary display messages) shall be construed as being a structural alteration and contrary to provisions of this article.~~

Section 42. That Section 109.540 of the above-entitled ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

~~**109.540. Applicability of other ordinances.** This article shall not be construed as repealing any other ordinance of the city relating to the installation and maintenance of signs and all such ordinances shall be construed as complementing rather than inconsistent, and where any other ordinance imposes more restrictive regulations than are contained herein the more restrictive regulations shall apply.~~