



ORDINANCE

REGARDING CHANGES TO SIGNS IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Twelve

The City of Nashua ordains that Chapter 190 "Land Use", Part 2 "Zoning Districts and Supplemental Use Regulations", Article X "Signs" of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, hereby be further amended by adding the new underlined language as follows:

1. In Section 190-94 "Sign permits":

"§ 190-94. Sign permits.

- A. Applicability. No sign may be established without a sign permit issued by the Administrator, unless exempted by this subsection.
- B. Permit not required. The following signs do not require sign permits and are permitted in all zoning districts:

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- (7) Alterations that include repainting, changing copy, or replacement of the existing sign face, except this shall not apply to signs located in the Historic District.

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2. In Section 190-95 "Sign requirements by district":

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- 1. Any change to the size, location, design, color, texture, lighting, materials or outer appearance of a sign will require a sign permit, and Historic District Commission review for approval."

3. In Section 190-110 "Nonconforming signs":

"§ 190-110. Nonconforming signs.

- A. Applicability. This section applies to any nonconforming sign. A "nonconforming sign" means a sign lawfully existing at the time of adoption or subsequent amendment of this article.

- B. Continuance. A nonconforming sign may continue, although such sign does not conform to the provisions of this article. Portable signs with permanent and/or changeable copy (including trucks and trailers) are exempt from treatment under this section for continuance and shall, therefore, require sign permits and comply with provisions of this article. In the Historic District, any change to the size, location, design, color, texture, lighting, materials, or outer appearance of a sign shall cause that sign to lose any nonconforming status.

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All other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2012

ORDINANCE: O-12-024

PURPOSE: Regarding changes to signs in the Historic District

ENDORSERS: Alderman Diane Sheehan

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE: None.

ANALYSIS

As the Historic District Commission considers the appearance of signs in their review, this legislation closes a gap in the land use code so that any later appearance changes to signs in the Historic District would also require their approval.

State statute (RSA 675:2, II) and local ordinance (NRO §190-132) require a public hearing and referral to the city planning board. The public hearing is conducted by the aldermanic planning and economic development committee with notice published in a newspaper of general circulation and posted in two public places at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing.

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel

By: Dorothy Clarke

Date: Sept. 19, 2012

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the Historic District**

Endorsed by

SHEEHAN
PRESSLY

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1st READING SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

Referred to:

**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
NASHUA CITY PLANNING BOARD AND PUBLIC
HEARING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012
AT 7:00 PM IN ALDERMANIC CHAMBER**

2nd Reading NOVEMBER 13, 2012

3rd Reading _____

4th Reading _____

Other Action _____

Passed NOVEMBER 13, 2012

Indefinitely Postponed _____

Defeated _____

Attest:
City Clerk

President

Approved
Mayor's Signature

November 14, 2012
Date

Vetoed: _____

Veto Sustained: _____

Veto Overridden: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President