

On **April 19, 2022**, the Planning Commission will hold its second in a series of work sessions on proposed changes to the City's sign code.

The proposed changes address a variety of issues that have arisen since the last update to the Sign Code in 2012 and range from minor housekeeping amendments to policy-related changes that respond to concerns from staff and the community.

A draft of the proposed amendments to the sign code is included as Attachment A, the current sign code is included as Attachment B.

The second work session on April 19, 2022, will focus on changes to processes, definitions, general development standards (including illumination), and non-conforming signs. One final work session is scheduled for May 17, 2022 to discuss proposed changes to development standards for permanent signs in each of the zones and overlay zones.

Proposed Amendments

SRC 900.005 (Definitions; rules of construction)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Add definition of complex added to replace more specific definitions like shopping center, industrial complex and office complex.
 - ❖ Removed definition of Nit as a measurement of luminance, as this unit of measurement is proposed to be replaced with foot candles.
 - ❖ Add definition of primary building wall.
 - ❖ Add definition of emergency directional sign.
 - ❖ Add definition for types of temporary signs (Balloon, banner, pennant, and rigid sign).
 - ❖ Remove sign tower as this is not regularly used.

SRC 900.010 (General rule)

- No changes.

SRC 900.015 (Exempt signs)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Add exemption for signs entirely within the public right-of-way for the purpose of identifying points of scenic, historic, cultural, geographic, and educational interest when authorized by the governmental unit having jurisdiction over the right-of-way.
 - ❖ Clarify exemption for temporary banners authorized for use on the Liberty Parkade and Liberty Banner Poles.
 - ❖ Add exemption for community art and street painting in addition to public mural and public art.

SRC 900.020 (Prohibited signs)

- Add prohibition for illuminated signs attached to parked motor vehicle, RV, trailer, or other vehicle.

SRC 900.025 (<i>Sign permits</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clarify permits are required for temporary signs.
SRC 900.030 (<i>Exceptions from permit requirement</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Clarify exception from permit requirement for certain temporary signs. ❖ Add limit on the amount of area a sign may cover on the inside of a window.
SRC 900.035 (<i>Sign adjustments</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delete section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Development standards of the sign code may be adjusted following the procedures of SRC Chapter 250.
SRC 900.040 (<i>Sign variances</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delete section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Development standards of the sign code may be varied following the procedures of SRC Chapter 245.
SRC 900.045 (<i>Electronic display sign conditional use permits</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delete section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Development standards added to electronic display sign section to replace the need for an Electronic Display Sign Conditional Use Permit.
SRC 900.050 (<i>Inspection; re-inspection</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Minor changes to language. ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.035.
SRC 900.055 (<i>Measurements</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Clarified how to measure gross face area. ❖ Relocated spacing and density section to outdoor advertising sign development standards. ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.040
SRC 900.060 (<i>Materials</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ No changes. ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.045.
SRC 900.065 (<i>Sign supports</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This section is not used and is proposed to be removed.
SRC 900.070 (<i>Electronic sign construction</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Minor changes to language. ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.050.
SRC 900.075 (<i>General illumination standards; zone-specific standards</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Added prohibition on devices which use light to project images onto the surface of walls or the ground.

- ❖ Created measurable standard prohibiting illuminated signs when they are visible from and within 100 feet of residential zones.
- ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.055.

SRC 900.080 (*Flashing light; zone-specific standards*)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Minor changes to language.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.060

SRC 900.085 (*Effects*)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ No changes.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.065.

SRC 900.090 (*Electronic display signs*)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Eliminate conditional use permit required for electronic display signs in residential zones.
 - ❖ Change method for measuring brightness from nits to foot candles.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.070.

SRC 900.095 (*Rotating and animated signs; zone-specific standards*)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Move temporary sign standards to temporary sign general standards section.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.075.

SRC 900.100 (*Signs installed over or within the right-of-way*)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ No changes.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.080.

SRC 900.105 (*Signs in vision clearance areas*)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ No changes.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.085.

SRC 900.110 (*Signs in special setback areas*)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Add clarification that existing signs in a special setback that the City requires to be removed or altered shall be subject to all applicable provisions of the sign code, including setbacks, upon replacement or alteration.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.090.

SRC 900.115 (*Sign location for safety*)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Removed standards specific to temporary sidewalk signs from this section, moved to temporary sidewalk sign section.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.095.

SRC 900.120 (*Sign maintenance*)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ No changes.

- ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.100

SRC 900.125 (Land divisions)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Minor changes to language.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.105.

SRC 900.130 (Freestanding signs)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Clarified that setbacks for freestanding signs do not apply if authorization has been granted to place a freestanding sign in the special setback area or public right-of-way.
 - ❖ Remove limit on number of freestanding signs a corner lot may have. This general provision conflicts with the more specific allowances based on zoning.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.110.

SRC 900.135 (Hanging signs)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Remove limits on supporting members for hanging signs.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.115.

SRC 900.140 (Projecting signs)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ No changes.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.120.

SRC 900.145 (Roof signs)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Reduce the maximum height of roof signs based on the height of the main building, added table for clarification.
 - ❖ Clarified the setback measurement.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.125.

SRC 900.150 (Wall signs)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Removed projection allowance for wall signs above the roof line that were based on the length of the sign and height of the building and created one standard that is applicable in all cases.
 - ❖ Created projection allowances and vertical clearance requirements for wall signs abutting public alleys.
 - ❖ Remove sign tower standards.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.130.

SRC 900.155 (Outdoor advertising signs)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Clarified allowance for V-type outdoor advertising signs, setback measurements and spacing and density standards.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.135.

NONCONFORMING, UNSAFE, ABANDONED, PROHIBITED SIGNS

SRC 900.300 (Nonconforming signs)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Clarified removal of unsafe, abandoned and prohibited signs.
 - ❖ Added allowance for nonconforming signs to be reconstructed/relocated if moved for construction of repair of public facilities, including sidewalks, roads, and public utilities as long as the degree of nonconformity does not increase.
 - ❖ Minor language changes.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.220.

SRC 900.305 (Removal of nonconforming signs), SRC 900.310 (Removal of unsafe signs), SRC 900.315 (Removal of abandoned signs), and SRC 900.325 (Removal of prohibited signs or signs erected without a permit)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Consolidated these sections into one new removal section.
 - ❖ Minor language changes.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.225.

SRC 900.330 (Procedure upon removal; cost of removal)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ Add provision that the Director is not required to store or provide notice for a sign that has no apparent value.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.230.

SRC 900.335 (Stop work orders; permit revocation; civil penalties; enforcement)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ No changes.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.235.

SRC 900.340 (Appeals)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ No changes.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.240.

SRC 900.345 (Constitutional issues involving application of sign code)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ No changes.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.245.

SRC 900.350 (Violations)

- Amendments:
 - ❖ No changes.
 - ❖ Renumbered section to SRC 900.250.