

city of saint paul  
planning commission resolution  
file number 16-57  
date November 18, 2016

RECOMMENDATIONS ON WALL SIGN TEXT AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, the City Council, by resolution adopted on October 26, 2016, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 462.357, Subd. 4, and Legislative Code § 61.801, initiated amendments to Chapter 64 of the Zoning Code pertaining to wall signs and requested Planning Commission review and recommendation on the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, roof signs are defined in the code as “a sign mounted on a roof or that projects above the top of a building wall”; and

WHEREAS, there is desire by owners and tenants of tall, multi-tiered buildings for signs with the name of the building or logo of a building tenant to be attached to a building wall and extend slightly above a wall that is not the top story of the building; and

WHEREAS, such signs have less visual impact than signs mounted on the roof or that project above the top story of a building; and

WHEREAS, such signs are more similar to wall signs, which are permitted, than to roof signs, which are not permitted; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Planning Committee, on November 9, 2016, reviewed the proposed amendments and forwarded its recommendations to the Planning Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under provisions of Minnesota Statutes § 462.367 and Legislative Code § 61.801, that the Planning Commission hereby recommends to the Mayor and City Council the following amendments to Zoning Code §§ 64.120, 64.125, and 64.415 pertaining to roof signs and wall signs, as set forth on page 2 of this resolution; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission directs the Planning Administrator to forward the following draft zoning text amendments, along with the November 9, 2016, memorandum from the Neighborhood Planning Committee containing their recommendations and rationale for the recommended text amendments, to the Mayor and City Council for their review and adoption.

moved by McMahon  
seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
in favor Unanimous  
against \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Existing language to be deleted shown by ~~strikeout~~. New language to be added shown by underlining.

**Sec. 64.120. R.**

*Roof sign.* A sign mounted on a roof ~~or that projects above the top of a building wall.~~

**Sec. 64.125.**

*Wall sign.* A sign attached to or erected against the wall of a building ~~or structure~~, with the exposed sign face ~~of sign in a place substantially parallel to the plane of said wall.~~

**Sec. 64.415. Wall signs.**

(a) A wall sign shall not project above the top of the wall to which it is attached, with the following exception. Above the third story of a building of more than four (4) stories, except for the top story, a wall sign bearing only the name of the building or logo of a building tenant may project up to five (5) feet above the building wall to which it is attached.

(b) Wall signs that are business signs may project into a public right-of-way or beyond a legal setback line up to twelve (12) inches, provided such signs do not violate Minnesota Statutes, section 160.27.