

city of saint paul  
planning commission resolution  
file number 19-24  
date April 19, 2019

**SIDEWALK SIGN AMENDMENTS TO ZONING CODE CHAPTER 64 - SIGNS**

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council initiated amendments to Zoning Code Chapter 64, Signs, to add language in several places to refer to or permit “sidewalk signs placed pursuant to chapter 106 of this code,” and in City Council Resolution 19-551 forwarded the proposed amendments to the Planning Commission for study and report as required under Minnesota Statutes § 462.357, Subd. 4; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Zoning Code Chapter 64 amendments regarding sidewalk signs are needed to keep it consistent with proposed amendments to Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 106, Restrictions on Use of Sidewalks, Streets, etc., to add an exemption in § 106.01 to permit *sidewalk signs* subject to a number of specific requirements and provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee, on April 3, 2019, reviewed the proposed sign code amendments and forwarded its recommendations to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered the recommendations of the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under the provisions of Zoning Code § 61.801(a) and pursuant to provisions of Minnesota Statutes § 462.357, that the Planning Commission recommends to the Mayor and City Council the following amendments to Zoning Code Chapter 64, including the rationale as articulated in the April 12, 2019 memorandum from the Comprehensive Neighborhood Planning Committee to the Planning Commission.

NOTE: Existing language to be deleted is shown by ~~strikeouts~~. New language to be added is shown by underlining.

**Chapter 64. Zoning Code—Signs**

**Sec. 64.118. P.**

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*Portable sign.* A sign ~~which is~~ attached to a chassis with wheels or skids or to a metal or wood frame, ~~which is~~ not permanently mounted into the ground, or a sidewalk sign placed pursuant to chapter 106 of this code.

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**Sec. 64.204. Exemptions.**

- (a) Signs of the city, county, state, and federal government and subdivisions and agencies thereof which give orientation, direction or traffic-control information shall be exempt from the requirements of this chapter.
- (b) The following signs shall not require a permit. These exemptions shall not be construed as relieving the owner of the sign from the responsibility of its erection and maintenance, and its compliance with the provisions of this chapter or any other law or ordinance regulating the same.
  - (1) The changing of the message on the display surface of signs that are designed to have changeable copy.
  - (2) Signs six (6) square feet or less in area.
  - (3) Lettering on motor vehicles when not utilized as a parked or stationary outdoor display sign.
  - (4) Political signs.
  - (5) Sports facility sponsorship signs.
  - (6) Sidewalk signs placed pursuant to chapter 106 of this code.

moved by Mouacheupao

seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

in favor Unanimous

against \_\_\_\_\_

**Sec. 64.401. All signs.**

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- (i) No signs shall be located in, project into or overhang a public right-of-way, except those projecting business signs permitted in business and industrial districts that do not violate Minnesota Statutes, section 160.27, sidewalk signs placed pursuant to chapter 106 of this code, and signs established by the city, county, state, or federal governments.

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**Sec. 64.419. Temporary and portable signs.**

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- (c) *Permit required.*
- (1) A sign permit shall be required for all temporary and portable signs, except that temporary signs concerning a commodity, service or entertainment conducted, offered, sold, or manufactured on the premises, placed inside a window, shall not require a sign permit.
- (2) A sign permit is not required for a sidewalk sign placed pursuant to chapter 106 of this code.

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**Sec. 64.502. RL-RM3 residential and entirely residential uses in T1-T4 traditional neighborhood districts.**

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- (b) *Temporary signs.*
- (4) For parks, community centers, and religious, educational, civic or philanthropic institutions, portable signs and temporary signs are permitted for special events under the following conditions:
- a. Portable signs:
1. On zoning lots with a street frontage of three hundred thirty (330) feet or less, the gross surface display area of the signs shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet. On zoning lots with a street frontage of over three hundred thirty (330) feet, the gross surface display area of the signs shall not exceed three hundred (300) square feet;
  2. The signs shall be permitted two (2) nonconsecutive times per calendar year for a period of not more than fourteen (14) days per time; Sidewalk signs placed pursuant to chapter 106 are exempt from this requirement;
  3. The signs shall not be flashing signs or located in a required yard, required off-street parking space or maneuvering area, or public right-of-way. Sidewalk signs placed pursuant to chapter 106 are permitted in the public right-of-way.

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**Sec. 64.503. T1-T3 traditional neighborhood and OS-BC business districts.**

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- (c) *Portable signs.* Portable signs are permitted under the following conditions:
- (1) On zoning lots with a street frontage of three hundred thirty (330) feet or less, the gross surface display area of the signs shall not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet. On zoning lots with a street frontage of over three hundred thirty (330) feet, the gross surface display area of the signs shall not exceed three hundred (300) square feet;
  - (2) The signs shall be permitted on a zoning lot four (4) nonconsecutive times per calendar year and for a period of not more than fourteen (14) days per time; Sidewalk signs placed pursuant to chapter 106 are exempt from this requirement;
  - (3) The signs shall not be flashing signs or located in a required yard, required off-street parking space or maneuvering area, or public right-of-way. Sidewalk signs placed pursuant to chapter 106 are permitted in the public right-of-way.