



## Legislation Text

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Amending provisions of the zoning code pertaining to wall and roof signs, and clarifying where wall signs may be located on buildings.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Saint Paul, in Resolution No. 16-1901, adopted October 19, 2016 and pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 462.357, Subd. 4, requested the planning commission, at its earliest convenience, to undertake a study and prepare a report and recommendation and return these to the Council regarding the feasibility of amending the zoning code's definitions and regulations pertaining to wall signs as proposed by the Council in Resolution No. 16.901; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the actions requested of the planning commission, and pursuant to the procedures for legislative amendments specified in City Charter § 6.05, the Council, for the purposes of initiating the legislative amendment process pending receipt of the commission's report and recommendation, desires to present the amendments proposed in Resolution 16-190, as set forth under sections 1, 2, and 3 below for the initial readings required under Charter § 6.05 and then lay the matter over until such time as the commission should deliver its report and recommendation or until otherwise permitted under Minn. Stat. § 462.357, Subd.4; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the said report and any recommendation from the planning commission or as otherwise permitted under Minn. Stat. § 462.357, Subd.4, the Council shall proceed to consider the amendments as proposed in sections 1, 2, and 3 below or as may be recommended, as required under City Charter § 6.05, and, if any are adopted in any manner, the Council shall include a rationale for the enactment of any amendment(s) duly made, which shall be appended into this ordinance for the specific purpose of articulating the Council's reasons and rationale for enacting the amendment(s); NOW, THEREFORE,

### **THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN**

#### **Section 1.**

That Leg. Code § 64.120.R., defining a "roof" sign, shall be amended as follows:

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

#### **Section 2.**

That Leg. Code § 64.125.W, defining a "wall" sign, shall be amended as follows:

*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.~~

#### **Section 3.**

That Leg. Code § Sec. 64.415, entitled "Wall signs," shall be amended as follows:

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.

**Section 4.**

These amendments shall become effective thirty (30) days after passage, approval and publication in the official newspaper of the City.