

ORDINANCE NO. 174552

An ordinance adding Section 13.11 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to create a new Supplemental Use District, the "SN" Sign District, which would permit special sign regulations in certain areas of the City where the property owners approve a Sign District, and amending Sections 12.04 and 12.32 to make technical changes.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Subsection D of Section 12.04 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read:

**D.** Certain portions of the City are also designated as being in one or more of the following districts, by the provisions of Article 3 of this chapter.

"O"	Oil Drilling District
"S"	Animal Slaughtering
"G"	Surface Mining District
"RPD"	Residential Planned Development District
"K"	Equinekeeping District
"CA"	Commercial and Artcraft District
"POD"	Pedestrian Oriented District
"CDO"	Community Design Overlay District
"MU"	Mixed Use District
"FH"	Fence Height District
"SN"	Sign District

The "**Zoning Map**" is amended to indicate these districts and the boundaries of each district.

Land classified in an "O" Oil Drilling District, "S" Animal Slaughtering District, "G" Surface Mining District, "RPD" Residential Planned Development District, "K" Equinekeeping District, "CA" Commercial and Artcraft District, "POD" Pedestrian Oriented District, "CDO" Community Design Overlay District, "MU" Mixed Use District, "FH" Fence Height District, or "SN" Sign District is also classified in one or more zones, and land classified in the "P" Automobile Parking Zone may also be classified in an "A" or "R" Zone.

These classifications are indicated on the "**Zoning Map**," with a combination of symbols, e.g., **R2-2-O, C2-4-S, M1-3-G, M1-1-P and R2-O, C2-G, etc.**, where height districts have not been established.

**Sec. 2.** Paragraph (b) of Subdivision 1 of Subsection S of Section 12.32 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read:

**(b) Districts.** In order to carry out the provisions of this article, the following districts are established:

"O"	Oil Drilling District
"S"	Animal Slaughtering District
"G"	Surface Mining District
"RPD"	Residential Planned Development District
"K"	Equinekeeping District
"CA"	Commercial and Artcraft District
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"FH"	Fence Height District
"SN"	Sign District

**Sec. 3.** Subparagraph (2) of Paragraph (c) of Subdivision 1 of Subsection S of Section 12.32 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read:

**(2) Additional Requirements for Application.** One or more of the owners or lessees of property within the boundaries of the proposed district may submit a verified application for the establishment of a district. An application for the establishment of a Commercial and Artcraft District, a Pedestrian Oriented District, an Equinekeeping District, a Community Design Overlay District, a Mixed Use District, or a Sign District shall contain the signatures of at least 75 percent of the owners or lessees of property within the proposed district. An application for the establishment of a Fence Height District shall contain the signatures of at least 50 percent of the owners or lessees of property within the proposed district. An application shall be accompanied by any information deemed necessary by the Department.

If establishment of a district is initiated by the City Council, City Planning Commission, or Director of Planning, the signatures of the property owners or lessees shall not be required.

**Sec. 4.** Subsubparagraph (iii) of Subparagraph (3) of Paragraph (c) of Subdivision 1 of Subsection S of Section 12.32 is amended to read:

**(iii) Time for Commission to Act on Application.** The City Planning Commission shall act on an application to establish an "O," "S," "G," "K," "CA," "POD," "CDO," "MU," "FH," or "SN" District within 75 days from the date of the filing of the application. The City Planning Commission shall act on an application to establish an "RPD" District within 75 days from receipt of the Subdivision Committee report and recommendation. The City Planning Commission shall act on proceedings initiated by the Council within 75 days of receipt of that action from the

Council, or within the time that the Council may otherwise specify.

**Sec. 5.** A new Section 13.11 is added to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

**SEC. 13.11 "SN" SIGN DISTRICT.**

**A. Purpose.** This section sets forth procedures, guidelines and standards for the establishment of "SN" Sign Districts in areas of the City, the unique characteristics of which can be enhanced by the imposition of special sign regulations designed to enhance the theme or unique qualities of that district, or which eliminate blight through a sign reduction program.

**B. Establishment of Districts.** The procedures set forth in Section 12.32 S shall be followed, however each "SN" Sign District shall include only properties in the C or M Zones, except that R5 Zone properties may be included in a "SN" Sign District provided that the R5 zoned lot is located within an area designated on an adopted community plan as a "Regional Center," "Regional Commercial," or "High Intensity Commercial," or within any redevelopment project area. No "SN" Sign District shall contain less than one block or three acres in area, whichever is the smaller. The total acreage in the district shall include contiguous parcels of land which may only be separated by public streets, ways or alleys, or other physical features, or as set forth in the rules approved by the Director of Planning. Precise boundaries are required at the time of application for or initiation of an individual district.

**C. Development Regulations.** The Department of Building and Safety shall not issue a building permit for a sign within a "SN" Sign District unless the sign conforms to the regulations set forth in a specific "SN" Sign District ordinance. The development regulations for each "SN" Sign District shall be determined at the time the district is established, except that definitions shall conform with those found in Section 91.6203 of this Code, if defined in that section. The sign regulations shall enhance the character of the district by addressing the location, number, square footage, height, light illumination, hours of illumination, sign reduction program, duration of signs, design and types of signs permitted, as well as other characteristics, and can include murals, supergraphics, and other on-site and off-site signs. However, the regulations for a "SN" Sign District cannot supersede the regulations of an Historic Preservation Overlay District, a legally-adopted specific plan, supplemental use district or zoning regulation needed to implement the provisions of an approved development agreement.

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**Sec. 6.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located in the Main Street lobby to the City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the ground level at the Los Angeles Street entrance to the Los Angeles Police Department; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of MAY 01 2002.

J. MICHAEL CAREY, City Clerk

By Maica Koberstein  
Deputy

Approved MAY 13 2002

James L. Han  
Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

May 1, 2002  
Rockard J. Delgadillo, City Attorney

By SHARON SIEDORF CARDENAS  
Assistant City Attorney

Pursuant to Charter Section 559, I approve this ordinance on behalf of the City Planning Commission and recommend it be adopted . . . . .

May 1, 2002

see attached report.

CON HOWE  
Director of Planning

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