

ORDINANCE NO. 174547

An ordinance amending Sections 12.21 and 91.6205.11 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code relating to signs.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
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Section 1. Subdivision 7 of Subsection A of Section 12.21 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended as follows:

7. No nameplate, sign or advertising matter of any kind shall be placed or maintained on any lot in any zone except in accordance with the following regulations:

(a) All nameplates, signs and advertising matter on a lot in an "A" or "R" Zone shall pertain to a permitted use (except that no signs shall be permitted to identify a home occupation) or indicate the name of the occupant and shall be located on the same lot with that use;

(b) No nameplate, sign or advertising matter, which is attached to a building on a lot in an "A" or "R" Zone, may project above the roof ridge or parapet wall (whichever is the higher) of the building;

(c) No illuminated nameplate, identification sign or advertising matter, which is permitted by this subdivision, may be of the flashing, moving or animated type;

(d) There may be only one unlighted nameplate for each dwelling unit on a lot in an "A" or "R" Zone indicating the name of the occupant, (except that no signs shall be permitted to identify a home occupation), and no nameplate may exceed three square feet in area in an "A" Zone, nor exceed one and one-half square feet in area in an "R" Zone;

(e) There may be one or more unlighted signs pertaining to the sale of farm products raised or produced on the premises, but the total area of all these signs shall not exceed 20 square feet on any lot in an "A" Zone, nor exceed 12 feet on any lot in an "R" Zone;

(f) There may be one or more unlighted signs pertaining to the prospective rental or sale of the property, but the total area of all these signs shall not exceed 20 square feet on any lot in an "A" Zone, nor exceed 12 square feet on any lot in an "R" Zone;

(g) There may be one identification sign for each farm, ranch, estate or building other than a dwelling in an "A" Zone, but that identification sign may not exceed 20 square feet in area;

(h) There may be one or more signs identifying the buildings or permitted use (except that no signs shall be permitted to identify a home occupation) on any lot in any "R" Zone, but no one sign may have a surface area which exceeds 20 square feet, nor shall the total surface area of all these signs exceed 30 square feet;

(i) There may be one church bulletin board, not exceeding 18 square feet in area, on any lot in any "A" or "R" Zone;

(j) There may be one or more signs, warning against trespassing, on any lot in an "A" Zone, but no one sign shall exceed three square feet in area.

(k) Temporary Subdivision Directional Signs. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, a Zoning Administrator may approve the use of any property in an "A" or "R" Zone for the erection and maintenance of temporary unlighted subdivision directional signs, which are neither reflective nor fluorescent, if he or she finds that the location of the signs is proper in relation to uses of adjacent property and that the use will not be materially detrimental to the property of other persons located in that vicinity. This approval shall be subject to the following regulations:

(1) An application shall be filed in the Office of Zoning Administration upon a form and accompanied by the data and information as has been prescribed by the Office. Each application shall be consented to and acknowledged by the owner or lessee of each parcel of property upon which a sign is to erected. Only one application need be filed for all temporary, unlighted, subdivision directional signs relating to a single subdivision separately numbered and recorded by the Los Angeles County Recorder. The manner of installation and conditions regulating number, size and type of signs shall be determined and approved by a Zoning Administrator. To the extent possible, he or she shall make available a list or explanation of those installation features and conditions that are usually required.

(2) An approval to erect and maintain signs pursuant to this paragraph shall be valid for one year. If, after one year, 3/4 of the dwelling units or lots have not been sold or leased for the first time, approval for retaining the directional signs for not more than an additional one-year period may be granted by a Zoning Administrator.

(3) No sign erected pursuant to this paragraph shall exceed 12 square feet in area.

(4) One temporary, unlighted, subdivision directional sign may be approved for location adjacent to each street which constitutes a separate and distinct direction on the route from a major or secondary highway to a subdivision site. Where there are two or more major or secondary highways from which there are routes to a subdivision site, signs may be approved only along two routes.

(5) The erection and maintenance of temporary, unlighted, subdivision directional signs may be approved only on vacant property; however, if a Zoning Administrator determines that vacant property is not available in locations where provisions for travel directions are essential, he or she may approve developed property for the location of signs.

(6) Signs may not be located within the public right-of-way of any highway, street, alley, or on any other public right-of-way.

(7) All signs permitted by this paragraph shall be removed within five days after the expiration of the authorized time period. Each application shall contain a statement signed by the applicant, the owner of the signs, and the owner or lessee of the property upon which the signs are to be placed, agreeing that if the signs are not removed as required above, they may be confiscated, removed and destroyed by the City without further notice. Prior to the erection of any signs authorized pursuant to any single application, the applicant shall deposit \$100 with the Department of Building and Safety for the purposes of defraying any expense incurred by the City in the removal of the signs. This money shall be refunded on the expiration of the prescribed time period if all of the signs have been removed by the applicant, the owner of the signs, or the owner and the lessee of the property where the signs are placed.

(8) Any sign erected pursuant to these regulations may be used only for the purpose of providing necessary travel direction to a subdivision development located in the City of Los Angeles, and must include the name of the owner, the City Planning Department file number, and the expiration date of the approval period. The sign may contain the name of the land development project to which it pertains, including a characteristic trademark or other identifying insignia. The content of each sign shall be subject to approval by a Zoning Administrator.

(9) The approval of temporary subdivision directional signs pursuant to these regulations does not release the applicant from the responsibilities of complying with any provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code pertaining to building permit requirements or any other provisions of the Code regulating signs.

(10) Appeals. Appeals from a determination by a Zoning Administrator may be taken to the Area Planning Commission in the manner prescribed in Section 12.24 I.

(I) Off-site signs. No off-site sign shall be allowed in any zone, except when off-site signs are specifically permitted pursuant to a legally adopted specific plan, supplemental use district or an approved development agreement. Further, that legally permitted existing signs shall not be altered or enlarged.

Sec. 2. Section 91.6205.11 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new subsection 11 to read:

11. Are off-site signs, except when off-site signs are specifically permitted pursuant to a variance, legally adopted specific plan, supplemental use district or an approved development agreement. This shall also apply to alterations or enlargements of legally existing off-site signs.

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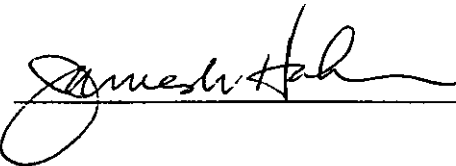
Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board 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 APR 30 2002.

J. MICHAEL CAREY, City Clerk

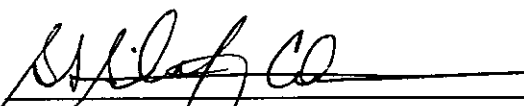
By 
KONRAD CARTER Deputy

Approved MAY 07 2002


Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

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ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By 
SHARON SIEDORF CARDENAS
Assistant City Attorney

Pursuant to Charter Section 559, I approve this ordinance and recommend its adoption on behalf of the City Planning Commission

March 28 2002

see attached report.


CON HOWE
Director of Planning

File Nos. C.F. 00-2254 and 02-0138; CPC 2002-461 CA;