

Legislation Text

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Consider an ordinance amending Zoning and Development Code, Chapter 18, Article IX, Section 8-79(a), Code of Ordinances (2018 Edition), regarding Sandwich Board Signs. (First Reading)*

The revisions to the City's Code of Ordinances, creating the Zoning and Development Code, were published on October 1, 2018. Since that time, staff has identified changes which are intended to improve specific sections or to correct errors.

This change to Section 8-79 - Special purpose freestanding sign standards allows additional types of businesses to use a sandwich board sign. The code currently allows the use of sandwich board signs only for restaurants/bars and retail sales and service uses. Signs must be placed on a sidewalk or other improved walkway.

The revised code expands the use of sandwich board signs to all business uses, which includes commercial and industrial properties, places of worship, schools, governmental and civic uses, and multifamily projects. It also clarifies that the signs are to be placed on a sidewalk or other improved surface when available. This change is in response to requests from operators of other than restaurant/bar and retail sales and services businesses. Making the use of this type of sign available to all business uses makes the sign regulations more equitable.

The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing and voted 8-0 to recommend approval of the amendment to Section 2-26 at their meeting on January 9, 2019. There were no speakers at the hearing.