

ORDINANCE NO. 11150 OCT 25 1973
(New Series)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER IX, ARTICLE 5,
DIVISION 1 OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE, BY
AMENDING SECTION 95.0103 AND SECTION 95.0107,
RELATING TO SIGNS - PERMITS AND PERMIT FEES.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of San Diego,
as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter IX, Article 5, Division 1 of the
San Diego Municipal Code be amended by amending Sections 95.0103
and 95.0107 to read as follows:

SEC. 95.0103 PERMITS NOT REQUIRED

A. General.

All provisions of this Code shall apply to the following
signs except that permits shall not be required as provided
in this section.

B. Building Permits.

A building permit shall not be required for:

1. Changing of the copy of a sign, bulletin board, poster
board, display encasement, marquee, or maintenance,
where no structural changes are made; changing of
interchangeable letters on signs designed for use of
interchangeable letters. Electric signs are not
included in this exception.
2. Temporary, non-illuminated, real estate signs, adver-
tising the sale, lease, or rental of premises on which
the sign is located. Such signs may be altered to indi-
cate the sale of the premises.

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3. Temporary, non-illuminated signs erected in connection with new construction work when such signs are displayed only during such time as the actual construction work is in progress, provided that such signs are located only at the site of the construction work and shall serve only to identify the architects, engineers, contractors, and other individual firms involved in the construction and/or proposed use of the building, but shall not contain any advertisement of any product.
4. Private or commercial nameplate identification wall signs, or combination nameplate and street address identification wall signs, when such signs do not exceed four square feet, are not illuminated, do not project over a public right-of-way, and have letters not exceeding three inches in height.
5. Warning or notice-type signs, such as trespass signs, private driveway, no dumping, and customer parking signs, when such signs do not exceed 12 square feet in area, are not illuminated, and do not project over a public right-of-way.
6. Bulletin boards for charitable or religious organizations when such signs and supporting structures do not exceed 16 square feet in area, are not illuminated, are erected on the premises to which the sign pertains, and do not project over a public right-of-way.

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7. Tablets, such as memorials, cornerstones, name of a building, date of erection, use of building, when built into the walls of a building.
8. Permanent and temporary window signs.
9. Temporary banner signs and pennants.

C. Use Permits.

A use permit shall not be required for:

1. Temporary, non-illuminated, real estate signs, not more than 12 square feet in area, advertising the sale, lease, or rental of premises on which the sign is located.
2. Temporary, non-illuminated signs erected in connection with new construction work when such signs do not exceed 16 square feet in area and are displayed only during such time as the actual construction work is in progress, provided that such signs are located only at the site of the construction work and shall serve only to identify the architects, engineers, contractors, and other individual firms involved in the construction and/or proposed use of the building, but shall not contain any advertisement of any product.
3. Private or commercial nameplate identification wall signs, or combination nameplate and street address identification wall signs, when such signs do not exceed four square feet, are not illuminated, do not project over a public right-of-way, and have letters not exceeding three inches in height.

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4. Warning or notice-type signs, such as trespass signs, private driveway, no dumping, and customer parking signs, when such signs do not exceed 12 square feet in area, are not illuminated, and do not project over a public right-of-way.
5. Bulletin boards for charitable or religious organizations when such signs and supporting structures do not exceed 16 square feet in area, are not illuminated, are erected on the premises to which the sign pertains, and do not project over a public right-of-way.
6. Tablets, such as memorials, cornerstones, name of a building, date of erection, use of building, when built into the walls of a building.
7. Permanent and temporary window signs.

SEC. 95.0107 PERMIT FEES

A. General.

The fees prescribed in this Division must be paid to The City of San Diego for each sign installation for which a building permit is required by this Division and must be paid before any such permit is issued, as herein provided.

B. Building Permit and Initial Use Permit Fee.

1. For each sign erected, installed, affixed, structurally altered, relocated, or created by painting, the building permit and initial use permit fee shall be \$20.00 plus 25 cents per square foot of sign area. The initial use permit shall be valid for a period of two years from the date of issuance.

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2. For each sign erected, installed, affixed, structurally altered, relocated or created by painting, without first obtaining a building permit, the fee shall be twice the amount specified above.

C. Existing Sign Use Permit Fee.

1. For the first two years, each business having existing signs other than those excluded in Section 95.0103, paragraph "C." shall pay a basic fee of \$10.00, plus 32 cents per square foot of sign area, except for the first 32 square feet of wall sign area. After the first two years, each business having existing signs shall pay a basic fee of \$10.00, plus 16 cents per square foot of sign area, except for the first 32 square feet of wall sign area.
2. For each use permit not renewed within 30 days after its expiration date, or not obtained within 30 days after a written notice to obtain a use permit, the fee shall be twice the amount specified above.
3. The Building Official may prorate the sign use permit fees and designate the expiration date of sign use permits.

D. Field-fabricated Sign Inspection Fee.

Each sign fabricated in the field shall have special inspection by the Building Official, for which an inspection fee shall be paid. The fee shall be \$10.00 per hour, or fraction thereof, of inspection time, with a minimum of \$10.00. This shall be in addition to the other prescribed fees.

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E. Biennial Inspection Fee.

If a field inspection is made by the Building Official for the purpose of inspecting a sign for a biennial sign use permit, a fee shall be charged for at the following rate: \$10.00 per hour or fraction thereof, with a minimum fee of \$10.00. The permittee shall provide any access and equipment required for the inspection.

F. Special Fee for Signs Projecting Over Public Space.

The use permit for each sign, or lighting fixture installed for sign illumination, which projects over public property shall be subject to a biennial special fee, in addition to the fee required by paragraph "C." of Section 95.0107. This additional fee shall be paid when the sign use permit is obtained and shall be charged for at the following rates: \$1.00 per square foot of sign area for the first 50 square feet of sign area; \$2.00 per square foot for the next 50 square feet of sign area; and \$3.00 per square foot of sign area thereabove. When only lighting fixtures project over the public right-of-way, the fee paid will be based on the size of the sign illuminated by the lighting fixtures. In addition, the above-stated fees shall be increased 50 percent for each additional six-month period for which a non-conforming sign is permitted to remain after any officially enacted abatement date, by an extension of time granted by the Sign Code Board of Appeals.

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G. Temporary Sign Fees.

1. For each group of banners, pennants, or carnival-type signs installed at each premises or tenant's location, the use permit fee shall be \$5.00 per \$100.00 of retail value, including installation cost, for each 30 days or less. Banners, pennants or carnival-type signs may not be displayed for more than 60 consecutive days.
2. For temporary construction project signs, the sign use permit fee for each sign shall be \$20.00 for a one-year period, or any portion thereof.
3. For each other temporary sign of 50 square feet or less in sign area, installed for a period of not more than 60 consecutive days, the use permit fee shall be \$10.00.
4. For temporary banner signs, the sign use permit fee for each sign shall be \$10.00 for each 30-day period or less. A temporary banner sign may not be displayed for more than 60 consecutive days.

H. Extension of Time Fees.

Additional fees shall be paid at the following annual rates for any existing nonconforming sign which has been granted an extension of time by the Sign Code Board of Appeals under Section 95.0123, during the additional time extension allowed: \$15.00, plus 50 cents per permitted square foot of sign area, plus \$1.00

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per square foot in excess of the maximum permitted sign area, plus \$10.00 per foot or portion thereof in excess of the maximum permitted sign height, plus \$10.00 per linear foot of encroachment into any required setback area. These fees may be prorated, based upon the length of the allowed time extension.

Section 2. Increases in fees established by this ordinance shall not apply to any sign for which the fee was paid prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 3. If the use permit fee for any sign is reduced because of the provisions of this ordinance, and the fee for such sign has already been paid, an appropriate refund of the difference in fees shall be paid to the payor.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its passage.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By Frederick C. Conrad
Frederick C. Conrad, Chief Deputy

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Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on _____ by the following vote:

Councilmen	Yeas	Nays	Excused	Absent
Gil Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maureen F. O'Connor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Landt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Allen Hitch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PETE WILSON
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

EDWARD NIELSEN
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Helena J. Ingram, Deputy.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was not finally passed until twelve calendar days had elapsed between the day of its introduction and the day of its final passage, to wit, on

OCT 11 1973, and on OCT 25 1973

~~I FURTHER CERTIFY that said ordinance was read in full prior to its final passage.~~

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the reading of said ordinance in full was dispensed with by a vote of not less than a majority of the members elected to the Council, and that there was available for the consideration of each member of the Council and the public prior to the day of its passage a written or printed copy of said ordinance.

EDWARD NIELSEN
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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