

ORDINANCE NO. 9371  
(New Series)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 5 OF  
CHAPTER 9 OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL  
CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 95.0112  
RELATING TO GROUND SIGNS.

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

Section 1. That Article 5 of Chapter 9 of the San Diego  
Municipal Code is amended by amending Section 95.0112 to  
read as follows:

"SEC. 95.0112 GROUND SIGNS

(a) Materials. Within Fire Zone No. 1, no  
ground sign, for which permit is required, shall be  
constructed of combustible materials except as follows:

1. Nonstructural trim may be of approved  
combustible materials or wood.

2. Structural members may be of wood, pro-  
vided that the least nominal dimension of each  
member is three inches (3").

3. Display surfaces may be of approved  
combustible materials.

Ground signs in other fire zones may be constructed of  
any material approved by this code.

(b) Height. The bottom of every ground sign  
shall be at least twenty-four inches (24") above the  
ground.

(c) Supports and Anchorage. Supports and  
anchorage shall conform to the following requirements:

1. Ground signs shall be adequately designed  
to resist dead and wind loads as provided in Section  
95.0109 within the stress limits as provided in this  
Code.

2. The members supporting unbraced signs shall be so proportioned that the bearing loads imposed upon the soil in either a horizontal or vertical direction shall not exceed safe values. Braced signs shall be anchored to resist the specified wind load acting in any direction. Anchors and supports shall be designed for safe bearing loads on the soil and for an effective resistance to pull-out amounting to a force 25 per cent greater than the required resistance to overturning.

The soil used for backfill for the dug-in type of anchor or cantilever support shall be carefully placed and thoroughly compacted.

3. Portable signs supported by frames or posts rigidly attached to bases shall be so proportioned that the weight and size of the base are adequate to resist the wind pressure specified in Section 95.0109. Such signs shall not exceed six feet (6') in height.

4. Whenever anchors or supports consist of wood embedded in the soil or directly in contact therewith, the wood shall be treated under pressure with creosote or other approved preservative before erection.

5. The minimum thickness of hot-rolled structural steel members furnishing structural support for signs shall be three-sixteenths inch ( $3/16$ "), provided that if galvanized, such members may be not less than one-eighth inch ( $1/8$ ") thick. The galvanizing shall comply with Section 95.0111.


Members formed of light gauge steel may be used for support of ground signs, provided that they are designed in accordance with U.B.C. Standard

No. 27-3 and provided that the thickness, exclusive of the facing, shall be not less than 12 gauge (0.105 inch).

Steel members may be connected by one galvanized bolt, provided the connection is adequate to transfer the stresses in the members. "

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirty-first day from and after its passage.

Presented by

Edward T. Butler 

APPROVED:

EDWARD T. BUTLER, City Attorney

By

Robert A. Fitch  
Robert A. Fitch, Deputy

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Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on FEB 15 1966,  
 by the following vote:

Councilmen	Yeas	Nays	Excused	Absent
Helen R. Cobb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ivor de Kirby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Harry F. Scheidle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Hom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floyd L. Morrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jack Walsh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Allen Hitch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Schaefer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Frank E. Curran	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AUTHENTICATED BY:

FRANK E. CURRAN

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

PHILLIP ACKER

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

By Meredith A. Burns, Deputy.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was not finally passed until six calendar days had elapsed between the day of its introduction and the day of its final passage, to-wit, on FEB 8 - 1966, and on FEB 15 1966.

~~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.

PHILLIP ACKER

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

By Meredith A. Burns, Deputy.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was passed on the day of its introduction, to-wit, on \_\_\_\_\_, said ordinance being of the kind and character authorized for passage on its introduction by Section 16 of the Charter.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the final reading of said ordinance was in full.

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PHILLIP ACKER

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy.

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# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, } SS.  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO, }

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Introduced on February 8, 1966.  
Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on February 15, 1966.

**AUTHENTICATED BY:**  
FRANK E. CURRAN,  
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.  
(SEAL) PHILLIP ACKER,  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.  
By MEREDITH A. BURNS,  
2/24 (6868) Deputy.

J. A. Denton, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is a resident of the County of San Diego, State of California, over twenty-one years of age, and not interested as a party or otherwise in the above-named matter.

That he is the principal clerk of the printers of The San Diego Union, a newspaper published daily in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, and of general circulation in said City; that as such principal clerk he has charge of all the advertisements published in said newspaper; that the said ORDINANCE NO. 9371

of which the annexed clipping is a copy, has been published in said newspaper for the period of ONE (1) days, to-wit: upon the 24th

days of FEBRUARY, 1966, and upon the

         days of         , 19        , and that said publication was made in the said newspaper proper, and not in a supplement thereof.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

*J. A. Denton*

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