

Nonconforming Signs

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A. Nonconforming Signs

If, at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this ordinance, a lawful *sign(s)* exists that is made no longer permissible under the terms of this ordinance as enacted or amended, such *sign(s)* may be retained in use, so long as it remains otherwise lawful. Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to prevent the normal maintenance or repair of a nonconforming *sign*.

1. A nonconforming *sign*:
 - i. Shall not be changed to another type of *sign* which is not in compliance with this ordinance.
 - ii. Shall not be structurally altered in any way so as to prolong the life of the *sign* or to change the shape, size, type, face or design of the *sign*.
 - iii. Shall not be reestablished after the *sign* becomes an abandoned *sign*.
 - iv. *Signs* are considered abandoned when not in use for a period of three (3) months and shall be removed including all *sign* supports and associated structures.
 - v. Shall not be reestablished after damage or destruction if the estimated expense of the reconstruction exceeds fifty (50) percent of the appraised replacement cost, as determined by the City Council or their designee.
2. In no case shall the replacement of individual *tenant name panels* on a nonresidential *center sign* constitute the need to bring the nonresidential *center sign* into compliance with these *sign* regulations.
 - i. Replacement panels must be in conformance with this ordinance.