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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	5/18/2011
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Fioretti, Bob (2)
<b>Type:</b>	Ordinance
<b>Title:</b>	Amendment of Chapter 17-12 of Municipal Code regarding Special Zoning Sign Districts
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards

**SUBSTITUTE**  
**ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Chicago is a home rule unit of government as defined in Article VII, Section 6 (a) of the Illinois Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, As a home rule unit of government, the City of Chicago may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Place and manner regulation of signs impinging onto the City's public ways is a function pertaining to the government and affairs of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, The residents of the Near South Side have experienced tremendous success in recent years to improve the quality of life and opportunities for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, The historic business district of 35<sup>th</sup> Street (Project Area) from Martin Luther King Drive to Prairie Avenue has been celebrated, promoted and cleaned up by the dedicated volunteers of The GAP Community Organization thereby improving the appearance and quality of business and shopping opportunities in the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, The City's investment in lighting, street paving, greening and other area enhancements has been and will continue to be significant; and

**WHEREAS**, Designating the Project area as a special sign district, where special sign regulations and standards are imposed, helps to advance the objectives of the Project and promotes an attractive visual environment; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

**SECTION I.** Section 17-12-1100 of Title 17 of the Municipal Code, the Chicago Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

17-12-1100 Special sign districts.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

17-12-1105 35<sup>th</sup> Street/GAP special sign district.

17-12-1105-A. Boundaries. The 35<sup>th</sup> Street/GAP special sign district consists of all parcels adjacent to 35<sup>th</sup> Street between Martin Luther King Drive on the east and Prairie Avenue on the west.

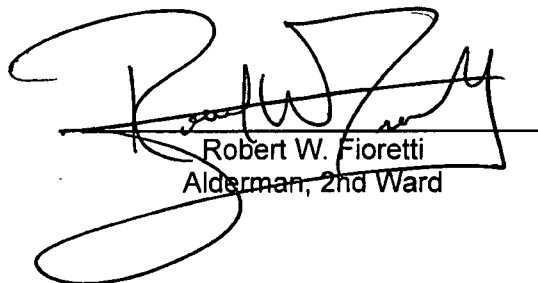
17-12-1105-B. Regulations and Standards. The following sign regulations and standards shall apply to the 35<sup>th</sup> Street/GAP special sign district. These sign regulations and standards are supplemental regulations and standards that apply in addition to existing zoning regulations. All existing zoning regulations apply except those that conflict with the standards and regulations imposed for the 35<sup>th</sup> Street/GAP special sign district. In case of a conflict between the 35<sup>th</sup> Street/GAP special sign district regulations and other zoning regulations, the 35<sup>th</sup> Street/GAP special sign district standards and regulations shall prevail.

1. Projections. As of the effective date of this amendatory ordinance of 2009, all signs must be affixed on building walls parallel to the property line, and no sign may project more than 12 inches across the property line into the public way.
2. Nonconforming signs projecting more than 12 inches across the property line into the public way may remain in place and in use until such time that (i) there is a transfer of ownership of the business represented by the sign; (ii) there is a transfer of ownership of the building where the sign is affixed; or (iii) a permit is required for a new sign.
3. Routine maintenance and repair of nonconforming signs projecting more than 12 inches across the property line into the public way which are installed prior to the effective date of this amendatory ordinance of 2009, shall be allowed until July 1, 2015.
4. As of July 1, 2015, notwithstanding any provisions of this section, all nonconforming signs projecting more than 12 inches across the property line into the public way, shall be removed by the building owner or the business owner.

17-12-1105-C. Prohibited Signs. The following types of signs are prohibited within the 35<sup>th</sup> Street/GAP special sign district;

1. free-standing ground signs,
2. banners,
3. flashing signs,
4. light-emitting diodes (LED) larger than 2 feet by 4 feet,
5. changing-image signs, and
6. off-premise signs.

**SECTION II.** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and approval.



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