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**Type:** Ordinance

**Title:** Amendment of Section 17-15-0504 of Municipal Code regarding alterations of nonconforming signs or sign structures

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards

**ORDINANCE**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 17-15-0504 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, The Chicago Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored and deleting the language stricken through as follows:

**17-15-0504 Alterations.**

**17-15-0504-A Alterations – Permitted.** Change of copy or the substitution of panels or faces on *nonconforming signs* is permitted without affecting the legal status of a sign as a *nonconforming sign* (subject to requirements for building and electrical permits). No other alterations are allowed, except for routine maintenance and repair, except as permitted under subsection 17-15-0504B.

**17-15-0504-B Alterations – Special Use.** Other alterations, including but not limited to, the replacement or reconstruction of *nonconforming signs* or *sign structures* shall be permitted if approved as a *special use*.

1. *Nonconforming signs* or *sign structures* may be replaced, reconstructed or otherwise altered so long as the alteration does not increase the extent of the existing *nonconformity*.

2. An application for a *special use* must be filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals within 12 months of a *nonconforming sign* or *sign structure*'s removal from a subject property.

3. The intent of this subsection 17-15-0504B is to allow a property owner to lawfully alter a *sign* or *sign structure* that has been made *nonconforming* by zoning map changes (rezonings) or amendments to the Zoning Ordinance text that occurred after the *sign* was lawfully established.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

  
Edward M. Burke, Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward