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| Meeting Date: | 5/18/2011 |
| Sponsor(s): | Fioretti, Bob (2) |
| Type: | Ordinance |
| Title: | Amendment of Chapter 17-12 of Municipal Code regarding Western Avenue Corridor special sign district |
| Committee(s) Assignment: | 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 near West Side and West Haven communities and 2nd Ward Alderman Robert W. Fioretti have worked diligently to design and gain public approval for a streetscape beautification project ("Project") on Western Avenue from Van Buren Street to Lake Street; and

WHEREAS, The Project will calm traffic, reduce the urban heat island effect and help to beautify a residential and business district of Chicago that was marred by deferred maintenance and urban decay; and

WHEREAS, The City's investment in the first phase of the Project will total \$4 million this year, and will be complemented in the second phase of the Project with an equal or greater amount of investment; 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)

17-12-1104 Western Avenue Corridor special sign district.

17-12-1104-A. Boundaries. The Western Avenue Corridor special sign district consists of all parcels adjacent to Western Avenue between Lake Street on the north and Van Buren Street on the south.

17-12-1104-B. Regulations and Standards. The following sign regulations and standards shall apply to the Western Avenue Corridor 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 Western Avenue Corridor special sign district. In case of a conflict between the Western Avenue Corridor special sign district regulations and other zoning

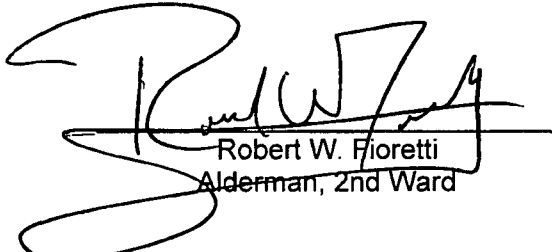
regulations, the Western Avenue Corridor special sign district standards and regulations shall prevail.

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.

17-12-1104-C. Prohibited Signs. The following types of signs are prohibited within the Western Avenue Corridor 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.


Robert W. Fioretti
Alderman, 2nd Ward