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<b>Title:</b>	Amendment of Chapters 13 and 17 of Municipal Code regarding nonconforming signs
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards

**ORDINANCE**

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

**SECTION 1.** Article 1 of Chapter 13-96 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new section underscored as follows:

**13-96-085 Replacement of certain non-conforming signs.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the code to the contrary, a legally established and lawfully permitted non-conforming off-premise sign may be replaced and such replacement shall not affect the legal status of the sign or sign structure as non-conforming if

(a) the owner of the lot is replacing the sign and sign structure solely for the purpose of entering into a contract with a new sign permittee;

(b) the replacement sign and sign structure are no larger or higher in size, area and height and have the same placement and configuration of the original sign and sign structure,

(c) the replacement sign is the same type of sign as the original sign and does not incorporate any new or different technological elements, and

(d) the replacement of the sign and sign structure is completed within 6 months of the removal of the original sign.

The replacement sign and sign structure shall comply with all other applicable requirements for non-conforming signs

**SECTION 2.** Section 17-17-0503 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, as follows

**17-15-0503 Continuation of Nonconforming Signs.** Nonconforming signs may remain in use, subject to the regulations of this section (Sec 17-15-0500) and all other applicable requirements of the Municipal Code. Nonconforming signs must be maintained in good repair, and must comply with all other requirements of this Zoning Ordinance.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the code to the contrary, a legally established and lawfully permitted non-conforming off-premise sign may be replaced and such replacement shall not affect the legal status of the sign or sign structure as non-conforming if:

(a) the owner of the lot is replacing the sign and sign structure solely for the purpose of entering into a contract with a new sign permittee,

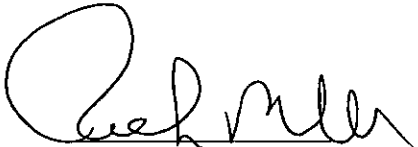
(b) the replacement sign and sign structure are no larger or higher in size, area and height and have the same placement and configuration of the original sign and sign structure,

(c) the replacement sign is the same type of sign as the original sign and does not incorporate any new or different technological elements, and

(d) the replacement of the sign and sign structure is completed within 6 months of the removal of the original sign

The replacement sign and sign structure shall comply with all other applicable requirements for non-conforming signs

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance takes effect upon its passage and approval



RICHARD F MELL  
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