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Committee on License and Consumer Protection

### ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Section 13-20-017 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

##### **13-20-017 Penalties.**

Any person violating, resisting or opposing the enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter, where no other penalty is provided, shall be subject to the fines provided for in Section 13-12-040. Each day such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary, any person violating permit requirement for window signs described in Section 13-20-550 shall have 30 calendar days to correct the violation. Any person failing to correct violation after 30 calendar days may be subject to the fines provided for in Section 13-12-040.

SECTION 2. Section 13-20-540 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through,'as follows:

##### **13-20-540 Permit inspection fees.**

The permit fee for the original inspection of the signs described in Section 13-20-530 shall be as set forth in Section 13-32-310. The inspection fee for the subsequent inspection of the signs described in Section 13-20-530 shall be as follows:

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(il Permits required for window signs described in Section 13-20-550 - \$40 per window.

SECTION 3. Section 13-20-550 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

**Signs 13-20-550 Permits required.**

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary, a sign permit is not required to erect, maintain, install, alter, repair or enlarge an on-premise sign that constructed wholly from paper, vinyl, film, or stickers or paint and attached to a window for no more than 60 days; or (ii) painted applied directly onto the window; provided that total signs area of such signs afe does not applied to exceed more than 25% of any single window. If total sign area of window signs exceeds the 25% threshold only the sign above 25% is required to obtain a permit. Lettering that is painted directly onto the glass of a window or part of a vinyl or film decal with a translucent background and less than 2 inches in height or if a sign that in constructed wholly from paper, vinyl and stickers and attached to a window for no more than 60 days will not be counted in the calculation of the 25% if it is an on-premises sign. The signs authorized by this subsection (d) shall be counted in the calculation of the total sign area restrictions imposed by section 17-12-1003.

SECTION 4. Section 13-20-560 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

13-20-560 Permit application.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(a) (3) Within 10 days after the permit application is made, if the building commissioner determines that an application or any supporting documentation required for a permit under Section 13-20-550 is incomplete or otherwise deficient the commissioner shall notify the applicant or the applicant's agent of such fact in writing. Such notification, which shall be dated, shall (1) explain why the application or supporting documentation is deficient; (2) state that no further processing of the application shall occur until the deficiencies identified in the notification are corrected; and (3) inform the applicant that if the deficiencies are not corrected within 120 days of the date indicated on the face of the notification, the application shall be deemed, by operation of law, to have been withdrawn. Provided, however, that upon receipt of a written request from the applicant, and for good cause shown, the building commissioner may extend, to a date certain, the period to cure the deficiencies identified in the notification required under this subsection.

Alderman, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and publication.