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ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. Article 1 of Chapter 13-96 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new section 13-96-085, as follows:

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

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

i. the owner of the lot on which a non-conforming off-premise sign and sign structure is located is replacing the sign structure solely for the purpose of owning the new sign structure or entering into a lease or license agreement with a new sign company;

ii. the replacement sign and sign structure shall not be larger or higher in size, area and height and have the same placement and configuration of the original sign and sign structure;

iii. the replacement sign does not incorporate any new or different technological elements; and

iv. the owner of the lot shall obtain a new building permit to erect the replacement sign structure.

b. The owner of the lot on which a non-conforming off-premise sign and sign structure is located shall provide an affidavit to the City of Chicago Department of Buildings stating that the owner of the lot has the right to apply for a new sign structure and the existing sign permit will be canceled after the issuance of the new sign permit by the City of Chicago Department of Buildings. In addition, a replacement sign permit application shall be completed and submitted to the City of Chicago Department of Buildings.

c. The owner of the lot shall have the burden to prove that the continuance of the non-conforming off-premise sign and sign structure meets the qualifications of this section.

d. 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 off-premise sign may be replaced and such replacement shall not affect the legal status of the sign or the sign structure if:

i. the owner of the lot on which a non-conforming off-premise sign and sign structure is located is replacing the sign structure solely for the purpose of owning the new sign structure and entering into a lease or license agreement with a new sign company;

ii. the replacement sign and sign structure shall not be larger or higher in size, area and height and have the same placement and configuration of the original sign and sign structure;

iii. the replacement sign is the same type of sign as the original sign and does not incorporate any new or different technological elements; and

iv. the owner of the lot shall obtain a new building permit to erect the replacement sign structure.

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