

Sign Code 2022 Update - Proposed Amendments List for Committee Review

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No.	Submittal Number	Internal/ External	(1) Submitting Agency/Person	Basis/Reason for Update(s)	Section of Proposed Update	(3) Summary of Proposed Change	Issue	Date and Committee's Suggestion	
1	1-1	External	Clear Channel Outdoor from L. de la Torre	Clarification	Link Section, Unavailable/ Multiple	Certify the City of San Antonio with TXDOT for clear management of Sign rules and regs by COSA.	Supporting Document provided from Clear Channel	5/6/2022	Table
2	1-2	External	Clear Channel Outdoor from L. de la Torre	Clarification	Link Section, Unavailable/ Multiple	Define Off Premise height definition to match state language for clarity/consistency. 60’ max height from the main traveled way. Increased from current 42.5'	Supporting Document provided from Clear Channel	5/6/2022	Table
3	1-3	External	Clear Channel Outdoor from L. de la Torre	Clarification	Link Section, Unavailable/ Multiple	Adopt clear off premise maintenance language and permitting process.	Supporting Document provided from Clear Channel	5/6/2022	Table
4	2-1	External	SASA, TSA from L. Toye	Rule Interpretation Determination	Ordinance: GC1 Hill Country Gateway Corridor	Revise Ch. 10 and 28 that prohibits digital signs from IH 10 from UTSA to Gateway Corridor implemented by Councilmen Nirenburg & B. Connors	"Code Implemented when little development North of 1604. Councilman Pelaez agrees with change"	5/6/2022	Table
5	3-1	External	W. McLeod	Clarification	Sec. 28-75	Signs must be self-supporting and placed into the ground by one (1) to two (2) stakes. No off-premises sign is permitted on a utility pole, guardrail , street light pole, sign pole, fence, tree or other manmade or natural feature unless authorized under this section.	"Persons do not know guardrails are included"	6/1/2022	Recommend Approval

6	4-1	External	Whispering Oaks HOA from P. Lund	Other	Sec. 28-9(b)	Clearly establish minimum mandatory fine, for each violation, and allow for increase in fines for multiple violations	"Excessive temporary, nuisance signs posted by small businesses"	6/1/2022	Recommend Denial
7	5-1	External	Seven 13 Signs & Graphics, LLC from C. Barron	Modify	Sec. 28-74 (b)3c	<p>"Permit Validity Period. Duration of the temporary event for which the temporary sign is used for, but not more than one (1) <u>five (5) years</u>."</p> <p>The permit application will allow for the permit to be pulled for a minium of 1 year and maximum of 5 years, with 1 year intervals. The permit fee will be \$150 for the first year and \$25 for each additional year, with a maximum of \$250 for a 5 year permit.</p>	No Reason Provided	6/1/2022	Table

8	5-2	External	Seven 13 Signs & Graphics, LLC from C. Barron	Modify	Sec. 28-74(b)3	<p>From Seven 13 Signs add 28-74 (b) 3d:</p> <p>"The sign erector shall certify in writing that the sign will not interfere with public safety". This language is already in 28-75(c)(3) when temporary banners are placed in public right of way. This would allow these temporary signs to be placed in electrical easements just as the over the street banners and "Incidental/way finding signs" are. Sec 28-30 allows for the incidental/way finding signs to not be permitted and they are largely installed within electrical easements. Most times these Large Temporary signs are the same size (slightly larger) but always made of the same materials."</p>	<p>Goal is to add language in to the permit application (maybe not actually in the code) that sign contractor/business represented by sign contractors understands and accepts the risk should sign be damaged or need to be taken down by CPS Energy should sign be in the way of needing access to the underground/overhead lines. - Christi Barron</p>	6/1/2022	Table
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9	5-3	External	Seven 13 Signs & Graphics, LLC from C. Barron	Modify	Link Section, Unavailable/ Multiple	Changes made to Accela to help with renewal reminders (Not Ch. 28, Provide correct source)	Seven13 Signs stated can strike this line item but, "we might need to discuss the ability to add an addendum to any existing sign permit that is up for renewal being allowed to have the renewal submitted by a different licensed sign contractor than the original should the above point I made not work for the committee."	5/18/2022 2 email	Withdrawn by Applicant
10	COSA 1	Internal	COSA Staff	Clarification	Definition: Sign-Face Area	Sign-Face Area means the entire advertising area <u>or "sign face"</u> within the sign excluding any framing, <u>bracing</u> , trim, or molding and the supporting structure. Also known as the "sign face." A Matrix 2-D symbol is not part of the area.	Clarify definition and Remove from Sec. 28-45 (b) 1	5/6/2022	Recommend Approval

11	COSA 2	Internal	COSA Staff	Clarification	Sec. 28-45 b(1)	<u>Total- Sign</u> Area computation. The area of a sign shall be computed on the actual area of the sign. Included in the actual area shall be any open space which gives definition to the sign including the shape of any writing, object, representations, emblems, or other displays. Any border which forms an integral part of the background of the display, or differentiates the sign from the backdrop or structure against which it is placed should also be included in the actual <u>total-sign</u> area.	Clarify Section	5/6/2022	Recommend Approval
12	COSA 3	Internal	COSA Staff	Other: Continuity	Sec. 28-26	Add item (5): " <u>Perform any contractor work for which a permit is required without having the permit or after the permit has been canceled.</u> "	Be in line with Chapter 10, Sec. 115 (j)	6/1/2022	Recommend Approval
13	COSA 4	Internal	COSA Staff	Clarification	Sec. 28-45 (f)	The expressway standards set out in Tables 1 and 2 shall also apply to lots, or any portion of lots, located within five hundred (500) feet of an expressway where said lot or lots do not have frontage on an expressway and <u>shall not allow for adjacent grade allowance.</u>	Clarifying for allowance for adjacent grade footage		

14	COSA 5	Internal	COSA Staff	Other: Addition	Sec. 28 - 46 (b)2	Freestanding signs are allowed in accordance with Table 1 for Residential R-2, and 3 <u>and MF33</u> occupancies. In addition, one (1) identification sign per entrance is allowed.	To be more inclusive	6/1/2022	Table
15	COSA 6	Internal	COSA Staff	Clarification	Sec. 28 - 48 (a)	Use of digital projection, <u>video or animation (i.e. car wreck, running dog, etc.)</u> is prohibited on displays greater than thirty-two (32) square feet.	Provide clear detail to what the intention of "digital projection" is defined as	6/1/2022	Table
16	COSA 7	Internal	COSA Staff	Clarification	Sec. 28 - 30 (b)	<u>Non-Electric or Non-Illuminated</u> Signs not exceeding thirty two (32) square feet of facing, composed of durable material, situated wholly upon private property and securely affixed to a building, fence or wall and having a frame [...]. This exception does not apply to any signs erected in the Riverwalk Area as defined in this chapter.	Clarification of sign type	6/1/2022	Recommend Approval

Chapter 28 Proposed Changes

17	COSA 8	Internal	COSA Staff	Clarification	Sec. 28 - 64 (c)	Temporary signs within Urban Corridors. Banners, pennants, streamers, and balloons (1) foot or less in diameter may be used as temporary advertising for a maximum duration of thirty (30) days each six (6) months. Permits in accordance with the City Code and this chapter are required for signs over fifteen (15) thirty-two (32) square feet in size.	Clarify based on 28-30 permit exemptions (b) signs not exceeding 32 sqft	6/1/2022	Table
18	6-1	External	City Council District 10 from C. Perry	Other: Concern	Sec. 28 - 43 (a)6	Brightness of On- and Off-Premise Digital Billboards should be adjusted.	Concern for safety of drivers and well being in the area around Camp Bullis with the brightness of digital billboard signs		
19	5-4	External	Seven 13 Signs & Graphics, LLC from C. Barron	Modify	Temporary Event Sign Permit Application	Delete Proposed date of Sign Removal from Event Sign Permit	serving no purpose	6/1/2022	Recommend Approval
20	5-5	External	Seven 13 Signs & Graphics, LLC from C. Barron	Modify	Temporary Event Sign Permit Application	Landowner approval, more options	Discuss allowing other forms approval to be submitted	6/1/2022	Table
21	7-1	External	Outfront Media from M. McCann	Modify/ Update	Not Stated	Revise code to permit licesnsed sign builders to convert existing 14' x 48' static faces to digiatl along limited highways within the City.	Information within attached presentation		
22	8-1	External	Urban Activation Institue from D. Ehrlich	Modify/ Update	Not Stated	San Antonio Arts and Entertainment District overlay zoning amendment allows for the creation of a downtown economic development and public art program powered by outdoor media.	No Reason Provided;		

23	9-1	External	Colleen Waguespack	Modify/ Update	Sec. 28 - 76	Institute an annual inspection fee for on premise digital signs to cover cost of ensuring that action of and brightness of sign remains consistent with code. Fee shall not apply to digital signs that pass initial inspection, can only remain static or changed manually (such as gas prices) and are not able to be have light intensity increased.	To prevent driver distraction and protect dark skies.		
24	9-2	External	Colleen Waguespack	Modify/ Update	Sec. 28 - 54 (b) (9)	Change required distance between off-premise digital signs to 1500’ in any direction, including across the roadway, not to include any other digital signs on the same structure, up to a maximum of two signs, either static or digital per structure. Off premise digital signs must be a minimum of 200’ from an on premise digital sign.	To prevent driver distraction and visual clutter.		

25	9-3	External	Colleen Waguespack	Modify/ Update	New Section	Future conversions of off premise signs from static to digital be approved in groups of no more than 20 per year and only after allowance for sufficient Public Input and approved by City Council. Permits shall be rationed equitably among all applicants who can meet the takedown requirements. Takedowns will be at a minimum ratio of 6 to 1. Takedowns shall first be made of larger signs in areas where off premise signs are currently prohibited, including but not limited to historic, preservation, rio, mission, and gateway overlay corridors.	To allow residents and visitors to appreciate the unique character of the overlay areas and to prevent driver distraction and reduce visual clutter. Spreading conversions over time will allow citizens and city leaders to assess the affect on safety and on aesthetics prior to conversion of subsequent batches.		
26	COSA 9	Internal	COSA Staff	Clarification	Multiple Locations	The current Chapter 28 has an effective date of July 3, 2017. The ordinance uses the statement "prior to the effective date of this Ordinance" in multiple locations. Staff needs to review each occurrence of this statement to determine if the date needs to be updated to July 3, 2017, remain the same, or be removed completely. This should be a clerical exercise to insure the date referenced in each section is consistant with the intent of the section.	Clarify effective dates of various code sections with Chapter 28 and update them to reflect the effective date of the current version of Chapter 28 or the effective date of the updated version of Chapter 28 currently be reviewed.		

27	10-1	External	Sign Code Committee	Modify/ Update	Sec. 28 - 31 (d)	Addition of a new subsection 4 that would allow a billboard owner to allocate a relocation permit to be used to adjust the height of an existing billboard up to maximum of 42.5 ft above the adjacent grade or 85 ft, whichever is lower.	With increased heights of adjacent grades due to the addition of flyovers and highway interchanges, there are existing off-premise billboards that are no longer tall enough to be visible to these flyovers. This amendment would allow a billboard operator to utilize the relocation permit detailed in Sec. 28-31(d) to increase the heights of these billboards up to 85 ft.		
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