

AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, Title 12 of the District of Columbia Regulations to impose a permanent moratorium upon the issuance of any permits for the erection or construction of a Special Sign and to place restrictions on the transferability of locations for Special Signs; and to repeal the Necessity for Council Review and Approval Standards for Public Art on Special Signs in the District of Columbia Temporary Act of 2001.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Special Signs Temporary Amendment Act of 2001".

Sec. 2. Title 12 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is amended as follows:

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(a) Subsection 3115.4.2.7 is amended to read as follows:

"3115.4.2.7 Transferability of Special Sign Locations: A Special Sign permit shall be transferable to a new location under the following conditions:

“(a) The transfer is for cause, which includes (1) the lease for the location of the Special Sign is cancelled, terminated, or otherwise invalid, or does not comply with these regulations; (2) the Special Sign is partially or totally obstructed; or (3) the location of the Special Sign is or would be no longer feasible because of construction or development;

“(b) The new location is within the Central Business District, as defined by Subsection 199.1 of Title 11 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (11 DCMR § 199.1); the commercial or industrial portions of the New York Avenue corridor, areas zoned industrial (M, C-M), as defined in Chapter 8 of Title 11 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (11 DCMR § 800 *et seq.*); or facilities within the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia Sports Commission;

“(c) The new Special Sign location is approved by the Department in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 3115.4.2.3; and

“(d) The permit holder pays a "change location" fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). The \$500 change location fee is refundable if the transfer of the Special Sign

permit to a new location is not approved. If the relocation of the Special Sign is made at the request of the Department, a "change location" fee will not be required; and

“(e) In the event that the Special Sign is painted or drawn onto an existing structure, the method of removal should be that the existing structure where the Special Sign has been placed should be made neutral prior to the relocation.”.

(b) A new subsection 3115.4.2.11 is added to read as follows:

"3115.4.2.11. Moratorium on Issuance of Special Signs: Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections 3115.4.2 through 3115.4.2.10, a Special Sign permit shall not be issued after November 9, 2000.”.

**Sec. 3. Repealer.**

The Necessity For Council Review and Approval Standards for Public Art on Special Signs in the District of Columbia Temporary Act of 2001, effective April 27, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-287; 48 DCR 2082), is repealed.

**Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.**

The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

**Sec. 5.** This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), approval by the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority as provided in section 203(a) of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995, approved April 17, 1995 (109 Stat. 116; D.C. Official Code § 47-392.03(a)), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule

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Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia