

ORDINANCE NO. O-1-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 24 OF THE CITY CODE,
ENTITLED "ZONING," ARTICLE IX, ENTITLED, "SIGNS," § 24-209, ENTITLED,
"DEFINITIONS, SIGNS," AND § 24-213, ENTITLED, "NONCONFORMING SIGNS," SO AS
TO ALLOW NONCONFORMING SIGNS TO REMAIN
UNTIL STRUCTURALLY ALTERED

Text Amendment T-402

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg,
Maryland, in public meeting assembled that Chapter 24 of the City Code (City Zoning
Ordinance), Article IX, is amended as follows:

ARTICLE IX. SIGNS

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Sec. 24-209. Definitions, signs.

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~~*Structural alteration.* Any change of sign face, color, size, shape, illumination, position,
location, or supporting structure or enclosure of any sign.~~

Structurally altered. When a sign is substantially altered, reconstructed, replaced, or
relocated. For purposes of this subsection, altering 50 percent or more of the sign face or sign
structure shall constitute a substantial alteration.

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Sec. 24-213. Nonconforming signs.

- (a) Any sign lawfully displayed on the effective date of this ordinance enacting this
section which does not conform to this article ~~shall be altered to conform to said
article or shall be removed not later than five (5) years after that effective date~~ is
legally nonconforming and can remain until structurally altered.
- (b) Monument signs that are fifteen (15) feet in height or less, or signs supported by
two (2) poles which are fifteen (15) feet in height or less, are legally non-conforming
and can remain until structurally altered.

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- (c) Any existing sign over fifteen (15) feet in height ~~shall be altered to conform to said article or be removed no later than five (5) years after the effective date of this article~~ is legally nonconforming and can remain until structurally altered.
- (d) Single pole signs between twelve (12) and fifteen (15) feet in height ~~shall be brought into conformance with said article within the time period stated in subsection 24-213(a) above. If subject to structural alteration as defined in section 24-209 of this chapter, they must be brought into conformity with said article~~ are legally non-conforming and can remain until structurally altered.
- (e) Any legally existing internally illuminated box sign that has a white background may remain until it is structurally altered at which time it must conform to this article.

ADOPTED this 21st day of March, 2011 by the City Council of Gaithersburg, Maryland.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and
President of the Council

DELIVERED to the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, this 21st day of March, 2011. APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg, this 21st day of March, 2011.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance as adopted by the City Council of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled, on the 21st day of March, 2011 and that the same was approved by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg on the 21st day of March, 2011. This ordinance will become effective on the 11th day of April, 2011.

Angel L. Jones, City Manager

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