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DATE: July 1, 2026

TO: Members of the Historic Resources Preservation Board and Planning and Zoning Boards

FROM: William Waters, Director of Community Sustainability

MEETING: July 8 and August 5, 2026

SUBJECT: **Ordinance 2026-11:** Consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 23, "Land Development Regulations," related to nonconforming pole signs and establishing a definition for "Sign Face."

PROPOSAL / BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 23 of the Land Development Regulations to clarify the City's regulations governing legally existing nonconforming pole signs. The amendments establish a definition for "Sign Face" and clarify that replacing only the sign face of a legally existing nonconforming sign does not constitute an alteration or replacement of the sign structure requiring the entire sign to be brought into compliance with current regulations.

Pole signs have been prohibited within the City since the adoption of the 2013 Land Development Regulations. Existing pole signs that were lawfully established prior to August 16, 2013, are considered legally nonconforming and may remain subject to the City's nonconforming sign provisions. Under the current regulations, ambiguity exists regarding whether replacement of a deteriorated sign face constitutes an alteration requiring the entire pole sign to be removed or brought into conformance with current standards.

The proposed amendment is intended to provide regulatory clarity by distinguishing between replacement of a sign face and replacement or alteration of the supporting sign structure. Under the proposed language, replacement of only the display panel, frame, or trim of a legally existing nonconforming sign would be permitted, provided the structural supports, poles, and mounting hardware remain unchanged. Any alteration, replacement, or reconstruction of the supporting structure would continue to require compliance with the City's current sign regulations.

The proposed amendment is intended to allow property owners to maintain the appearance and functionality of existing legally nonconforming pole signs while preserving the City's long-standing policy prohibiting new pole signs. The amendment does not authorize the construction of new pole signs, expansion of existing nonconforming signs, or replacement of structural components.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the Historic Resources Preservation Board and Planning and Zoning Board recommend that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 2026-11.

POTENTIAL MOTION:

I move to **RECOMMEND/NOT RECOMMEND** TO THE CITY COMMISSION TO ADOPT the proposed LDR text amendments included in Ordinance 2026-11.

Attachments

A. Draft Ordinance 2026-11