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

Proposal/ Background Analysis

- **Nonconforming Signs**

- Clarifies regulations for legally existing nonconforming signs (excluding billboards)
- Defines "Sign Face"
- Clarifies when replacement of a sign face requires compliance with current regulations
- Removes the compliance deadline for legally nonconforming signs (other than billboards)

- **Current Code**

- Legally existing nonconforming signs are regulated under the City's nonconforming sign provisions
- Alteration or replacement generally requires compliance with current sign regulations
- Current code does not distinguish between replacing a sign face and replacing the sign itself
- This creates ambiguity in administering the code

Proposed Changes

Ordinance 2026-11

- Defines "Sign Face"
 - Display panel, frame, and trim only
 - Excludes structural supports, poles, foundations, and mounting hardware
- Clarifies sign face replacement
 - Sign face replacement alone does not trigger compliance
 - Structural alterations remain subject to current regulations
- Does not
 - Authorize new nonconforming signs
 - Allow expansion of nonconforming signs
 - Change regulations for billboards

Advisory Boards

- The **Historic Resources Preservation Board (HRPB)** unanimously voted to recommend approval of the proposed text amendments at their meeting on July 8, 2026.
- The **Planning & Zoning Board (PZB)** unanimously voted to recommend approval of the proposed text amendments at their meeting on August 5, 2026.

POTENTIAL MOTION:

- I move to approve/disapprove Ordinance 2026-11 on first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for September 1, 2026.



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