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COUNCIL BILL No. 105483

AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; adding a new Chapter 23.55 to the Seattle Municipal Code to establish standards for signs in all zone classifications; amending Sections 23.44.110, 23.76.0063, 23.84.002, 23.84.004, 23.84.006, 23.84.010, 23.84.012, 23.84.024, 23.84.025, 23.84.030, 23.84.032, 23.84.036, 23.84.038, 23.84.042, 23.86.040, 24.44.010, 24.44.050, 24.52.010, 24.52.120, 24.54.010, 24.54.120, 24.56.010, 24.56.050, 24.58.010 and 24.58.040; repealing Sections 23.44.017I, 23.44.022K, 23.44.056, 23.45.100D, 23.45.112, 23.45.158, 23.48.016, and 23.49.040; and amending, renumbering and/or repealing Sections 4901-4927 of the Seattle Amendments to the 1982 Uniform Building Code.

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DOUGLAS N. JEWETT, CITY ATTORNEY

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COMPTROLLER AND CITY CLERK

Gregory Dudiak
Book Publishing Company
201 Westlake Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Re: Seattle Municipal Code

Dear Gregory:

This is in response to your letter of July 16, 1986.

1. With regard to Section 23.54.030 E2b(4) contained in Ordinance 112777, page 153, the text for subsections (i) and (ii) was inadvertently omitted. This will have to be corrected by ordinance. Therefore, please retain the paragraph lettering for subsections (iii) and (iv) as is.

2. Please codify the language as it appears on page 154 of Ordinance 112777.

3. Please correct the typographical error appearing on page 6, line 17 of Ordinance 112830. The Section letter "C" should be "B."

4. Please correct the typographical errors appearing in the footnote of Chart A in Ordinance 112777. Two separate footnotes are numbered "1", followed by notes 2-5. Please renumber the notes to be 1-6.

The following are in response to questions from Sigrid.

5. The map legends for Title 23 should contain all the zone classificatins as listed on page 1 and 2 of Ordinance 112777 and the Greenbelt Overlay. (Again, I hope you can get all this information in the legend legibly.)

6. You are correct. The drafters of Ordinance 112777, Section 23.16.020, were not consistent with the style used in the other policy sections. I, too, believe it best to follow

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July 9, 1986

Gregory Dudiak
Book Publishing Company
201 Westlake Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Re: Seattle Municipal Code

Dear Gregory:

This is in response to your letter of July 3, 1986.

1. Ordinance 112770, which contains a 60-day ending and was signed by the Mayor on April 10, 1986, became effective on June 9, 1986. Ordinance 112830, which contains a 30-day ending and was signed by the Mayor on May 9, 1986, became effective on June 8, 1986. Thus, Ordinance 112770 is the later ordinance and supersedes Ordinance 112830. Where the language in these two ordinances conflict, follow the language contained in Ordinance 112770.

As the numbering of these ordinances may cause confusion for the code user, please include an editorial footnote after sections which are amended by both ordinances to the effect that Ordinance 112770 became effective after Ordinance 112830.

2. Enclosed please find copies of Section 23.16.020 as added by Ordinance 112777.

3. Please correct the typographical error appearing on page 110, line 13/14 of Ordinance 112777. Delete the Arabic numeral 1. Thus the title of Section 23.49.092 should be "Downtown Retail Core, Prohibited Uses."

4. Please correct the typographical errors appearing in Ordinance 112840, page 3, line 26/27 and page 5, line 4/5. The reference to "Chapter 25.05, SEPA Rules" should be "Chapter 25.05, SEPA Policies and Procedures."

the style as it appears in Ordinance 112777 for Section 23.16.020 rather than to attempt to conform it with the other policy sections' style.

Thank you for your wonderful attention to detail.

Very truly yours,

DOUGLAS N. JEWETT
City Attorney

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5. Please note that Section 23.44.024 is substantially changed by Ordinance 112890, § 2. You are correct, the new Section 23.44.034 is very similar to the "old" 23.44.024. You are also correct, Section 23.44.034 does not provide for parking quantity. Please follow the language as contained in Ordinance 112790.

6. With regard to the legend for the Zoning Maps, please add the Neighborhood Commercial designation only to maps which were transmitted to you to be included in this Third Quarterly Supplement. As other maps are changed or added for future supplements, add the Neighborhood Commercial designation to the legends. The City cannot incur the expense of changing all map legends at this time.

7. With regard to Section 2 of Ordinance 112813, subsections B through D of Section 5.40.085 are still in effect. Please correct the typographical error contained on page 3, line 15 of Ordinance 112813. It should read

"Section 2. Subsection A of Section 5.40.085 of the Seattle Municipal"

8. Enclosed please find complete copies of Ordinance 112790.

9. Ordinance 109125 (part) made changes to the 1979 Uniform Building Code. The 1979 Building Code was repealed and replaced by Ordinance 111200, which adopted the 1982 Uniform Building Code. Therefore, delete the reference to Ordinance 109125 from the editorial footnote following Section 22.100.010. I assume the reprinted pages will be "no charge pages."

10. With regard to the Zoning Maps title page, please use the following language:

Including changes made by Ordinances through Ordinance No. _____, as approved by the Mayor on _____. Most ordinances become effective 30 days after the Mayor's approval. Some have later effective dates. Information regarding effective dates of specific ordinances may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office.

For the Third Quarterly Supplement, the blanks should be filled in with "112796" and "April 22, 1986," respectively.

11. Enclosed please find copies of Sections 14.08.010 and 14.08.020 as they appeared in Volume I of the 1980 Code. I assume the inclusion of these sections will be "no charge pages."

With regard to other matters:

12. Enclosed please find copies of Ordinance 111303 to be included in the Third Quarterly Supplement. This ordinance was inadvertently not transmitted to you previously.

13. Sigrid contacted me last week with regard to Ordinance 112830. She stated throughout the ordinance the word "premise" was used to refer to tracts of land and buildings. Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary (1984) defines "premise" as "a proposition antecedently supposed or proved as a basis of argument or inference." The word "premises" is defined as "a: a tract of land with the buildings thereon b: a building or part of a building usu. with its appurtenances (as grounds)."

Section IV.B.3.b of the technical specifications states:

> Manifest errors in spelling, numbering or lettering of sections, and references to other Code sections or ordinances shall be corrected. (Emphasis supplied.)

Please correct the manifest errors in spelling contained in Ordinance 112830, as well as all ordinances.

15. Please make sure the next advance sheet to be delivered on July 15th is punched.

16. I have a feeling that the Third Quarterly Supplement is going to be huge. Could you provide me with a page estimate as soon as possible?

17. Considering the size of Title 23 amendments, I would like to proof the title prior to publication.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Very truly yours,

DOUGLAS N. JEWETT
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DOUGLAS N. JEWETT, CITY ATTORNEY

June 17, 1986

Gregory Dudiak
Book Publishing Company
201 Westlake Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Re: Seattle Municipal Code

Dear Gregory:

With regard to Ordinance 112830:

1) Please correct the typographical error appearing on page 45, line 12/13. "Section 17" should be "Section 36."

2) Please correct the typographical errors appearing on pages 53 and 54. The material appearing on lines 1 through 10/11 on page 54 should be inserted at the top of page 53. Thus, Section 24.54.010E should contain:

"1. No advertising sign . . .
(a) The advertising sign . . .
(b) The proposed structural . . .
(c) Upon completion of . . .

2. An existing advertising . . .
(a) The advertising sign . . .
(b) The reconstructed or . . .

3. Maximum Area . . .
4. All advertising signs . . .
5. No variances shall . . ."

Section 24.56.010 should contain:

"A. All uses permitted . . .
B. Off-premise signs . . ."

3) As amendments to the Building Code are no longer included in the Seattle Municipal Code, do not

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codify Sections 24 through 42 of Ordinance 112830. Rather include this ordinance in the footnote following Section 22.100.010. Also in the Ordinance Table, state that Sections 24 through 42 of Ordinance 112830 amend Ordinance 111200, Chapter 4900.

4) Enclosed are copies of diagrams contained in this ordinance.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Very truly yours,

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May 22, 1986

Gregory Dudiak
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Seattle, WA 98109

Re: Seattle Municipal Code

Dear Gregory:

Enclosed please find copies of Ordinance 112830 to be included in the Third Quarterly Supplement of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Please correct the typographical errors appearing in this ordinance as follows:

a. Page 1, line 4 of the title:

"23.44.110" should be "23.45.110"

b. Page 55, line 26/27

"Chapter 20.05" should be "Chapter 25.05"

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Very truly yours,

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ORDINANCE 112830

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection I of Section 23.44.017 of the Seattle Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 2. Subsection K of Section 23.44.022 of the Seattle Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Section 23.44.056 of the Seattle Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 4. Subsection D of Section 23.45.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 5. Subsection C of Section 23.45.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 23.45.110 Ground Floor business and commercial use in Midrise and Highrise Zones

* * *

C. Ground floor business and commercial uses shall meet the following standards:

1. All business, service, repair, processing, storage or merchandise display shall be conducted wholly within an enclosed structure, except for offstreet vehicle parking and offstreet loading. All goods produced shall be sold at retail on the premises where produced.

2. The gross floor area occupied by any one business enterprise shall be no greater than twenty-five hundred square feet in Midrise zones, and seventy-five hundred square feet in Highrise zones.

3. No more than three persons shall be engaged at any one time in fabricating, repairing, cleaning or other processing of goods in any establishment, except for food preparation in restaurants.

4. No more than eight horsepower shall be employed in the operation of all machines used for fabrication, repair or other processing of any goods in any establishment.

5. Processes and equipment employed and goods processed or sold shall be limited to those which do not produce noticeable odors, dust, smoke, cinders, gas, noise, vibration, refuse matter, or water-carried waste.

6. No additional parking shall be required for ground-floor commercial uses over that required for the residential use in the same structure. Up to ten parking spaces per business or commercial establishment may be provided at the discretion of the applicant.

7. No loading berths shall be required for ground-floor commercial uses. If provided, loading berths shall be located so that access to residential parking is not blocked.

~~((8. Identifying signs shall be permitted according to Section 23.45.158, Signs.))~~

Section 6. Subsection H of Section 23.45.112 of the Seattle Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 7. Section 23.45.158 of the Seattle Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 8. Section 23.48.016 of the Seattle Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 9. Section 23.49.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 10. There is added to Title 23 of the Seattle Municipal Code a new Chapter 23.55, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 23.55
SIGNS

Part 1. General Standards for All ZoneS

23.55.01 Intent

The intent of the standards in this Chapter is:

A. To encourage the design of signs that attract and invite rather than demand the public's attention, and to curb the proliferation of signs;

B. To encourage the use of signs that enhance the visual environment of the city;

C. To promote the enhancement of business and residential properties and neighborhoods by fostering the erection of signs complementary to the buildings and uses to which they relate and which are harmonious with their surroundings;

D. To protect the public interest and safety; and

E. To protect the right of business to identify its premises and advertise its products through the use of signs without undue hindrance or obstruction.

23.55.02 Scope of Provisions

A. The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to signs in all zones, except those zones regulated by Chapter 23.66, Special Review Districts.

B. Signs located in the Shoreline District shall meet the requirements of the Seattle Shoreline Master Program in addition to the provisions of this Chapter. In the event that there is a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and the regulations of the Shoreline Master Program, the provisions of the Shoreline Master Program shall apply.

C. Signs are also regulated by the provisions of the Building Code, Title 22 of the Seattle Municipal Code, including the permit requirements of that Title.

D. Signs located completely within public rights-of-way shall be regulated by the Street Use Ordinance, Title 15 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Signs projecting from private property over public rights-of-way are also regulated by the Street Use Ordinance, as well as the provisions of this Chapter.

E. Signs adjacent to certain public highways and designated scenic routes shall meet the provisions of Section 23.55.42 of this Chapter. Signs adjacent to state highways may also be regulated by State law or regulations.

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F. Variances may be permitted from the provisions of this Chapter, except that variances shall not be permitted from Section 23.55.14A, and variances from Section 23.55.42, Off-premise and Business Signs Adjacent to Certain Public Highways, shall be limited by the provisions of subsection 23.55.42E.

G. Measurements provisions for signs are located in Chapter 23.86, Measurements.

23.55.03 Signs Prohibited in All Zones

A. The following signs shall be prohibited in all zones:

1. Flashing signs.

2. Signs which rotate or have a rotating or moving part or parts that revolve at a speed in excess of seven revolutions per minute.

3. Signs attached to or located on stationary motor vehicles, equipment, trailers, and related devices, except for signs not exceeding five square feet in area and relating to the sale, lease, or rent of a motor vehicle to which the signs are attached.

4. Portable signs other than readily detachable signs having a fixed base or mounting for the placement and intermittent use of such signs.

5. Banners, streamers, strings of pennants, fabric signs, festoons of lights, clusters of flags, wind-animated objects, balloons, search lights, and similar devices, except where the principal use or activity on the lot is outdoor retail sales in NC3, C1, C2 and downtown zones, and except where permitted as temporary signs under Section 23.55.12.

23.55.04 Signs Projecting Over Public Rights-of-Way

A. Signs projecting into any public right-of-way, except alleys, shall have a minimum clearance of eight feet over the adjacent sidewalk or other grade.

B. Signs projecting into any public alley shall have a minimum clearance of sixteen feet above grade, and shall not project more than twenty-four inches beyond the property line.

C. No permanent sign shall extend into any public right-of-way to within less than two feet of the curb line or more than six feet beyond the property line, except that at street intersections, signs which project from intersecting street property lines may extend to the intersection of the six-foot projection margins on each street, Exhibit 55.04A.

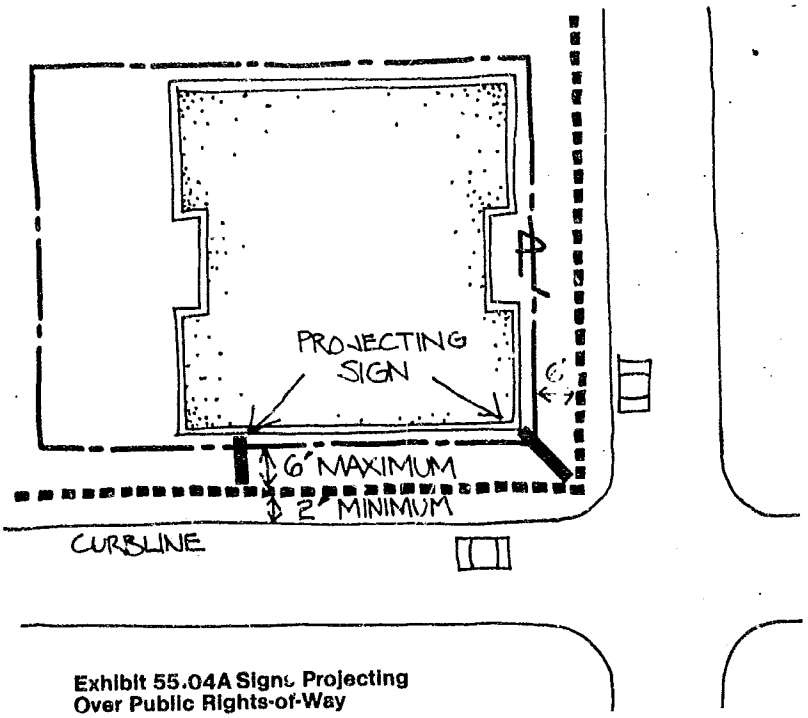

Exhibit 55.04A Signs Projecting Over Public Rights-of-Way

D. No barber pole, including the brackets and fastenings for the barber pole, shall extend more than one foot into any public right-of-way.

E. No temporary sign made of rigid material shall extend more than four inches into public rights-of-way.

F. Fabric signs shall not extend into public rights-of-way.

G. Marquee signs may be permitted in conjunction with any lawful marquee, provided that they shall not project more than twelve inches beyond the front of the marquee nor closer than two feet to the curb line. Marquee signs may not exceed thirty inches in height above the top of the marquee, and total vertical dimension may not exceed five feet. Only one sign may be placed on or attached to an end face of a marquee.

H. Roof signs shall not project into any public right-of-way.

23.55.08 Signs Near Intersections or Driveways

Signs which are ten feet or less in height as measured from street or driveway grade and which obscure the vision of motorists shall be located at least twenty feet from intersections and driveways.

23.55.12 Temporary Signs Permitted in All Zones

A. The following temporary signs shall be permitted in all zones:

1. Temporary non-illuminated real estate "for sale" or "for rent" signs, not exceeding an area of eight

square feet in single-family zones, and twenty-four square feet in all other zones, and not painted with light reflecting paint.

2. Temporary political yard signs, permitted by the Seattle Municipal Code, Fair Campaign Act, Chapter 2.24.

3. Large signs required for public notice according to Chapter 23.76, Procedures for Master Use Permits and Council Land Use Decisions.

4. Temporary decorations customary for special holidays, such as Independence Day, erected entirely on private property.

5. One temporary sign identifying the architect, engineer or contractor for work under construction, not exceeding twelve square feet in area for each three hundred feet of street frontage.

6. Banners, streamers, strings of pennants, fabric signs, festoons of lights, clusters of flags, wind-animated objects, balloons, search lights, temporary signs located on vehicles and similar devices of a carnival nature, or a group of temporary portable signs when displayed on private property.

7. Readily detachable signs having a fixed base or mounting for the placement and intermittent use of such signs.

8. Temporary signs shall not be displayed for more than fourteen days.

C. Size Standards for temporary signs

Temporary signs made of rigid material shall not exceed thirty-two square feet in area, and no dimension shall be greater than eight feet. Temporary signs not made of rigid material shall not exceed one hundred square feet in area.

23.55.14 Off-Premise Signs

A. Advertising signs

1. No advertising sign shall be erected, constructed, altered or structurally revised, except under the following circumstances and subject to the following conditions:

a. An existing advertising sign may be altered or structurally revised if:

(1) The advertising sign was lawfully erected but does not conform to the provisions of this Chapter or of Chapter 49 of the Seattle Building Code;

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(2) The proposed structural revision or alteration will bring the advertising sign into conformity with the provisions of this Chapter; and

(3) Upon completion of the alterations or structural revisions, the advertising sign will be in full compliance with this Chapter and all other applicable ordinances of the city.

b. An existing advertising sign may be relocated or reconstructed at a new location if:

(1) The advertising sign was lawfully erected and complies with the development standards of this Section and Chapter 49 of the Seattle Building Code, but is located on a site or in a zone where it is not permitted; and

(2) The reconstructed or relocated advertising sign will be a permitted use and will conform with all ordinances of the city at its new location.

2. Maximum area

The maximum total area of any advertising sign shall be six hundred seventy-two square feet with a maximum vertical dimension of twenty-five feet and a maximum horizontal dimension of fifty feet, provided that cutouts and extensions may add up to twenty percent of additional sign area.

3. All advertising signs shall be located at least fifty feet from any lot in a residential zone, and at least one hundred feet from any public school grounds or public park or playground.

4. No variances shall be permitted from the provisions of this subsection A.

B. Off-premise directional signs

The maximum area of any off-premise directional sign shall be one hundred square feet with a maximum vertical dimension of ten feet and a maximum horizontal dimension of twenty feet.

C. The maximum area for each sign face for business district identification signs shall be that permitted for pole signs in the zone.

D. The maximum area for each sign face for residential district identification signs shall be fifty square feet.

E. Development standards applicable to all off-premise signs:

1. Dispersion standard

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Not more than a total of four advertising signs or off-premise directional sign faces, plus two identification signs for a business district, shall be permitted on both sides of a street within a space of six hundred sixty feet. There shall be a minimum distance of one hundred feet between sign structures.

2. Off-premise signs shall not be roof signs.

3. Lighting

No off-premise sign shall be incandescently illuminated by more than one and one-quarter watts of electrical power per square foot of sign area, or be florescently or otherwise illuminated by more than one watt of electrical power per square foot of sign area.

4. Sign height

The maximum height limit for any portion of an off-premise sign shall be sixty-five feet or the height limit of the zone, whichever is less.

23.55.16 Light and Glare from Signs

A. The source of light for externally illuminated signs shall be shielded so that direct rays from the light are visible only on the lot where the sign is located.

B. The light source for externally illuminated signs, except advertising signs, shall be no farther away from the sign than the height of the sign.

Part 2. Standards for Specific Zones

23.55.20 Signs in Single Family Zones

A. Signs shall be stationary and shall not rotate.

B. No flashing, changing image or message board signs shall be permitted.

C. No roof signs shall be permitted.

D. The following signs shall be permitted in all single family zones:

1. Electric, externally illuminated or non-illuminated signs bearing the name of the occupant of a dwelling unit, not exceeding sixty-four square inches in area.

2. Memorial signs or tablets, and the names of buildings and dates of building erection when cut into a masonry surface or constructed of bronze or other non-combustible materials.

3. Signs for public facilities indicating danger and/or providing service or safety information.

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4. Properly displayed national, state and institutional flags.

5. One electric or non-illuminated double-faced identifying wall or ground sign for an institution on each street frontage, not to exceed fifteen square feet of area per sign face; except that for public elementary or secondary schools, departure from these standards maybe granted or required pursuant to the criteria and procedures of Chapter 23.79.

6. On-premise directional signs not exceeding eight square feet in area. One such sign shall be permitted for each entrance or exit to a surface parking area or parking garage.

E. Existing business signs for nonconforming business establishments may be replaced provided that:

1. Maximum total area of sign faces shall be one hundred seventy square feet, and the maximum area of the face of any single sign face shall be eighty-five square feet.

2. The replacement sign shall not be a roof sign.

3. Replacement signs may be located in the same place as the original sign except that maximum height of any portion of the replacement sign shall be twenty-five feet.

4. Replacement signs may be electric or non-illuminated.

5. The number of business signs shall not be increased.

F. No sign shall be maintained in a surface parking area or on a parking garage which faces a residential lot other than one designating an entrance, exit, or condition of use.

G. Off-premise signs shall not be permitted, except that:

1. When accessory parking is provided on a lot other than the lot where the principal use is located, off-premise directional signs five square feet or less in area identifying the accessory parking shall be permitted.

2. One residential district identification wall or ground sign per entrance meeting the standards of Section 23.55.14 shall be permitted.

23.55.22 Signs in Multi-Family Zones

A. Signs shall be stationary and shall not rotate.

B. No flashing, changing image or message board signs shall be permitted.

C. No roof signs shall be permitted.

D. The following signs shall be permitted in all multi-family zones:

1. Electric, externally illuminated or non-illuminated signs bearing the name of the occupant of a dwelling unit, not exceeding sixty-four square inches in area.

2. Memorial signs or tablets, and the names of buildings and dates of building erection when cut into a masonry surface or constructed of bronze or other non-combustible materials.

3. Signs for public facilities indicating danger and/or providing service or safety information.

4. Properly displayed national, state and institutional flags.

5. Electric, externally illuminated or non-illuminated signs bearing the name of a home occupation not exceeding sixty-four square inches in area.

6. One non-illuminated wall or ground identification sign for multi-family structures on each street or alley frontage in addition to signs permitted by subsection D2. For structures of sixteen units or less, the maximum area of each sign face shall be sixteen square feet. One square foot of sign area shall be permitted for each additional unit over sixteen, to a maximum area of fifty square feet per sign face.

7. One electric or non-illuminated double-faced identifying wall or ground sign for an institution on each street frontage, not to exceed twenty-four square feet of area per sign face; except that for public elementary or secondary schools, departure from these standards maybe granted or required pursuant to the criteria and procedures of Chapter 23.79.

E. In Midrise and Highrise zones which are not designated Residential Commercial, permitted ground floor business establishments in multi-family structures may have one electric or non-illuminated sign per street frontage. The sign may be a wall or projecting sign. The maximum area of each sign face shall be twenty-four square feet. The maximum height of any portion of the sign shall be fifteen feet.

F. Existing business signs for nonconforming uses may be replaced provided that:

1. Maximum total area of sign faces shall be one hundred seventy square feet, and the maximum area of any single sign face shall be eighty-five square feet.

2. The replacement sign shall not be a roof sign.

3. Replacement signs may be located in the same place as the original signs, except that the maximum height of any portion of the replacement sign shall be thirty feet.

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4. Replacement signs may be electric or non-illuminated.

5. The number of business signs shall not be increased.

G. On-premise directional signs shall be permitted. Maximum sign area shall be eight square feet. One such sign shall be permitted for each entrance or exit to a surface parking area or parking garage.

H. No sign shall be maintained in a surface parking area or on a parking garage which faces a residential lot other than one designating an entrance, exit, or condition of use.

I. Off-premise signs shall not be permitted, except that:

1. When accessory parking is provided on a lot other than the lot where the principal use is located, off-premise directional signs five square feet or less in area identifying the accessory parking shall be permitted.

2. One residential district identification wall or ground sign per entrance meeting the standards of Section 23.55.14 shall be permitted.

23.55.24 Signs in Residential Commercial (RC) Zones

A. The standards of this Section shall apply only to signs for business establishments permitted on the ground floor or below in RC zones. The standards for multi-family zones, Section 23.55.22, shall apply to all other signs in RC zones.

B. Ground floor business establishments may have one electric or non-illuminated wall sign per street frontage, located on the commercial portion of the structure.

C. Maximum total area of sign faces per business establishment shall be one hundred seventy square feet, and the maximum area of any single sign face shall be eighty-five square feet.

D. The maximum height of any portion of a sign for a business establishment shall be fifteen feet.

23.55.26 Signs in Major Institution Zones

A. General Standards

1. Signs shall be stationary and shall not rotate.

2. No flashing, changing image or message board signs shall be permitted.

3. Signs may be electric, externally illuminated, or non-illuminated.

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B. The following signs shall be permitted in all major institution zones, regardless of the facing zone:

1. Electric, externally illuminated or non-illuminated signs bearing the name of the occupant of a dwelling unit, not exceeding sixty-four square inches in area.

2. Memorial signs or tablets, and the names of buildings and dates of building erection when cut into a masonry surface or constructed of bronze or other non-combustible materials.

3. Signs for public facilities indicating danger and/or providing service or safety information.

4. Properly displayed national, state and institutional flags.

C. Signs across a street, alley, or easement from a residential zone, and signs which face an abutting lot in a residential zone, shall meet the following standards:

1. Sign area shall be limited to:

a. Thirty-five square feet per sign face for main entrance signs;

b. Such size as is necessary for emergency entrance signs to be clearly visible; and

c. Twenty square feet per sign face for all other signs.

2. The number of signs permitted shall be as follows:

a. One identifying sign for each use per street frontage; plus

b. One sign for each entrance to the institution; plus

c. Emergency entrance and directional signs as necessary.

3. Pole, ground, roof, wall, marquee, under marquee, projecting or combination signs shall be permitted.

4. The maximum height of any portion of a pole sign shall be twelve feet.

5. No portion of a roof sign shall:

a. Extend beyond the height limit of the zone;

b. Exceed a height above the roof in excess of the height of the structure on which the sign is located; or

c. Exceed a height of thirty feet above the roof measured from a point on the roof line directly below the sign or from the nearest adjacent parapet.

D. Signs across from non-residential zones shall have no area, type, or number limitations.

E. Off-premise signs shall not be permitted.

23.55.28 Signs in NC1 and NC2 Zones

A. Signs shall be stationary and shall not rotate, except for barber poles.

B. Signs may be electric, externally illuminated, or non-illuminated.

C. No flashing, changing image or chasing signs shall be permitted, except that chasing signs for motion picture and performing arts theaters shall be permitted in NC2 zones.

D. On-premise signs

1. The following signs shall be permitted in addition to the signs permitted by subsections D2, D3, and D4.

a. Electric, externally illuminated or non-illuminated signs bearing the name of the occupant of a dwelling unit, not exceeding sixty-four square inches in area.

b. Memorial signs or tablets, and the names of buildings and dates of building erection when cut into a masonry surface or constructed of bronze or other non-combustible materials.

c. Signs for public facilities indicating danger and/or providing service or safety information.

d. Properly displayed national, state and institutional flags.

e. One under marquee sign which does not exceed ten square feet in area.

2. Number and type of permitted signs for business establishments:

a. Each business establishment may have one ground, roof, projecting or combination sign (Type A sign) for each three hundred lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys.

b. In addition to the signs permitted by subsection D2a, each business establishment may have one wall, awning, canopy, marquee, or under marquee sign (Type B sign) for each thirty lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys.

c. In addition to the signs permitted by subsection D2a and D2b, each multiple business center and drive-in business may have one pole sign for each three hundred lineal feet, or portion

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thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys. Such pole signs may be for a drive-in business or for an individual business establishment located in a multiple business center, or may identify a multiple business center.

d. Individual businesses which are not drive-in businesses and which are not located in a multiple business center may have one pole sign in lieu of another Type A sign permitted by section D2a for each three hundred lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys.

3. Maximum area of signs for non-residential uses

The maximum area of all signs for each business establishment permitted in subsection D2 shall be one hundred eighty-five square feet, and the maximum area of any one Type A sign shall be seventy-two square feet, provided that the maximum area of pole signs for gas stations which identify the price of motor fuel being offered by numerals of equal size shall be ninety-six square feet.

4. Identification signs for multi-family structures

a. One identification sign bearing the name of a multi-family structure shall be permitted on each street or alley frontage of a residential use in addition to the signs permitted by subsection D1.

b. Identification signs may be wall, ground, awning, canopy, marquee, under marquee, or projecting signs.

c. For structures of twenty-four units or less, the maximum area of each sign face shall be twenty-four square feet. One square foot of sign area shall be permitted for each additional unit over twenty-four, to a maximum of fifty square feet per sign face.

5. Sign height

a. The maximum height for any portion of a pole, projecting or combination sign shall be twenty-five feet.

b. The maximum height for any portion of a wall or under marquee sign shall be twenty feet or the height of the cornice of the structure to which the sign is attached, whichever is greater.

c. Marquee signs may not exceed a height of thirty inches above the top of the marquee, and total vertical dimension shall not exceed five feet.

d. No portion of a roof sign shall exceed a height of twenty-five feet above grade.

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E. Off-premise signs

Off-premise signs shall not be permitted, except that:

1. Each business district may have two identifying ground, pole, wall, or projecting signs which may list businesses located in the district. The identifying signs shall not be located in a residential zone, and shall meet the standards of Section 23.55.14, Off-premise Signs.

2. One residential district identification wall or ground sign per entrance meeting the standards of Section 23.55.14 shall be permitted.

3. When accessory parking is provided on a lot other than the lot where the principal use is located, off-premise directional signs five square feet or less in area identifying the accessory parking shall be permitted. Off-premise directional signs five square feet or less in area shall not be counted in sign size or number limits.

F. Signs near residential zones

When located within fifty feet of an abutting lot in a residential zone, electric and externally illuminated signs shall be oriented so that no portion of the sign face is visible from an existing or permitted principal structure on the abutting lot.

23.55.30 Signs in NC3, C1, and C2 Zones

A. No sign shall have rotating or moving parts that revolve at a speed in excess of seven revolutions per minute.

B. Signs may be electric, externally illuminated, or non-illuminated.

C. No flashing signs shall be permitted.

D. On-premise signs

1. The following signs shall be permitted in addition to the signs permitted by subsections D2 and D3:

a. Electric, externally illuminated or non-illuminated signs bearing the name of the occupant of a dwelling unit, not exceeding sixty-four square inches in area.

b. Memorial signs or tablets, and the names of buildings and dates of building erection when cut into a masonry surface or constructed of bronze or other non-combustible materials.

c. Signs for public facilities indicating danger and/or providing service or safety information.

d. Properly displayed national, state and institutional flags.

e. One under marquee sign which does not exceed ten square feet in area.

2. Number and type of permitted signs for business establishments:

a. Each business establishment may have one ground, roof, projecting or combination sign (Type A sign) for each three hundred lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys.

b. In addition to the signs permitted by subsection D2a, each business establishment may have one wall, awning, canopy, marquee, or under marquee sign (Type B sign) for each thirty lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys.

c. In addition to the signs permitted by subsections D2a and D2b, each multiple business center and drive-in business may have one pole sign for each three hundred lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys. Such pole signs may be for a drive-in business or for an individual business establishment located in a multiple business center, or may identify a multiple business center.

d. Individual businesses which are not drive-in businesses and which are not located in multiple business centers may have one pole sign in lieu of another Type A sign permitted by section D2a for each three hundred lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys.

e. Where the principal use or activity on the lot is outdoor retail sales, banners and strings of pennants maintained in good condition shall be permitted in addition to the signs permitted by subsections D2a, D2b, and D2c.

3. Maximum area

a. NC3 zones

(1) The maximum area of each face of a pole, ground, roof, projecting or combination sign shall be seventy-two square feet plus two square feet for each foot of frontage over thirty-six feet on public rights-of-ways, except alleys, to a maximum area of three hundred square feet, provided that:

i. The maximum area for signs for multiple business centers, and signs for business establishments located within one hundred feet of a state route right-of-way which is not designated

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ii. The maximum area for pole signs for gas stations which identity the price of motor fuel being offered by numerals of equal size shall be ninety-six square feet.

(2) There shall be no maximum area limit for wall, awning, canopy, marquee, or under marquee signs.

b. C1 and C2 zones

There shall be no maximum area limits for on-premise signs for business establishments in C1 and C2 zones.

4. Identification signs for multi-family structures

a. One identification sign shall be permitted on each street or alley frontage of a multi-family structure.

b. Identification signs may be wall, ground, awning, canopy, marquee, under marquee, or projecting signs.

c. The maximum area of each sign shall be seventy-two square feet.

5. Sign height

a. The maximum height for any portion of a projecting or combination sign shall be sixty-five feet above existing grade, or the maximum height limit of the zone, whichever is less.

b. The maximum height limit for any portion of a pole sign shall be thirty feet; except for pole signs for multiple business centers and for business establishments located within one hundred feet of a state route right-of-way which is not designated in Section 23.55.42 as a landscaped or scenic view section, which shall have a maximum height of forty feet.

c. The maximum height for any portion of a wall, marquee, under marquee, or canopy sign shall be twenty feet or the height of the cornice of the structure to which the sign is attached, whichever is greater.

d. No portion of a roof sign shall:

(1) Extend beyond the height limit of the zone;

(2) Exceed a height above the roof in excess of the height of the structure on which the sign is located; or

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(3) Exceed a height of thirty feet above the roof measured from a point on the roof line directly below the sign or from the nearest adjacent parapet.

E. Off-premise signs

1. Identifying signs for business districts

Each business district may have up to two identifying ground, pole, wall, or projecting signs which may list businesses located in the district. The identifying signs shall not be located in a residential zone, and shall meet the standard of Section 23.55.14, Off-premise Signs.

2. One residential district identification wall or ground sign per entrance meeting the standards of Section 23.55.14 shall be permitted.

3. When accessory parking is provided on a lot other than the lot where the principal use is located, off-premise directional signs five square feet or less in area identifying the accessory parking shall be permitted.

4. Off-premise directional signs and advertising signs in addition to those permitted by subsections E1, E2, and E3, shall be permitted according to Section 23.55.14, Off-premise Signs.

F. Signs near residential zones

When located within fifty feet of an abutting lot in a residential zone, electrical and externally illuminated signs shall be oriented so that no portion of the sign face is visible from an existing or permitted principal structure on the abutting lot.

23.55.32 Sign Overlay District in Commercial Zones

A. Sign overlay districts may be established in all commercial zones through the process established in Chapter 23.76, Procedures for Master Use Permits and Council Land Use Decisions.

B. Sign overlay districts are intended to maintain or create more unified commercial areas, or to enhance the special character of individual business districts.

C. A sign overlay district shall be large enough to establish a recognizable character or image for the business district to which it applies.

D. The regulations of a sign overlay district may be more or less restrictive than the underlying zone regulations.

E. The sign overlay district may establish specific regulations for the size, number, type, format, height, material, lighting, motion and location of on-premise signs. The sign overlay district shall not establish

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qualitative design standards which would require discretionary review.

F. Sign overlay districts shall not regulate off-premise signs or modify regulations for signs completely in the public right-of-way.

G. Once adopted, the boundaries of a sign overlay district shall be shown on the Official Land Use Map, Chapter 23.32. Regulations for specific sign overlay districts shall be adopted as a text amendment and codified at the end of this Chapter.

23.55.34 Signs in Downtown Zones

A. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all downtown zones except PSM, IDR, and IDM zones, and portions of PMM zones located in a Historic District. In areas of PMM zones not located in a Historic District, these regulations may be modified by the provisions of the Pike Place Urban Renewal Plan. Signs in the PSM, IDR and IDM zones are regulated by the provisions of Chapter 23.66, Special Review Districts.

B. The following signs shall be permitted in all downtown zones regulated by this Section:

1. Electric, externally illuminated or non-illuminated signs bearing the name of the occupant of a dwelling unit, not exceeding sixty-four square inches in area.

2. Memorial signs or tablets, and the names of buildings and dates of building erection when cut into a masonry surface or constructed of bronze or other non-combustible materials.

3. Signs for public facilities indicating danger and/or providing service or safety information.

4. Properly displayed national, state and institutional flags.

C. General Standards for all Signs

1. Signs may be electrical, externally illuminated, or non-illuminated.

2. No sign shall have rotating or moving parts that revolve at a speed in excess of seven revolutions per minute.

3. No flashing signs shall be permitted.

4. Roof signs shall not be permitted.

5. No portion of any on-premise or off-premise sign shall be located more than sixty-five feet above the elevation of the sidewalk at the street property line closest to the sign.

D. On-premise signs

1. Number and type of permitted signs

a. Each use may have one pole, ground, wall, marquee, under marquee, projecting, or combination sign for each three hundred lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys.

b. In addition to the signs permitted by subsection D1a, each use may have one wall, awning, canopy, ground, marquee, under marquee, or projecting sign for each thirty lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys

c. In addition to the signs permitted by subsections D1a and D1b, each multiple business center may have one wall, marquee, under marquee, projecting or combination sign for each three hundred lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys.

d. Where the principal use or activity on the lot is outdoor retail sales, banners and strings of pennants maintained in good condition shall be allowed in addition to the signs permitted by subsections D1a, D1b, and D1c.

2. There shall be no maximum area limits for on-premise signs.

E. Off-premise signs

1. When accessory parking is provided on a lot other than the lot where the principal use is located, off-premise directional signs five square feet or less in area identifying the accessory parking shall be permitted.

2. Off-premise directional signs and advertising signs in addition to those permitted by subsection E1, shall be permitted according to Section 23.55.14.

23.55.36 Signs in Manufacturing and Industrial Zones

(Reserved)

23.55.38 Signs In Open Space Zones

(Reserved)

23.55.40 Special Exception for Signs in Commercial Zones

The Director may authorize exceptions to the regulations for the size, number, type and height of on-premise signs in commercial zones as a special exception pursuant to Chapter 23.76, Procedures for Master Use Permit and Council Land Use Decisions, when the following standards and criteria are met.

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A. Review Criteria

The Director may approve a special sign exception for one or more of the following reasons:

1. The proposed sign plan shows an exceptional effort toward creating visual harmony between the signs, structures, and other features of the property through the use of a consistent design theme;

2. The proposed sign plan will preserve a desirable existing design or siting pattern for signs in an area;

3. The proposed sign plan will minimize view obstruction or preserve views of historically or architecturally significant structures.

B. Submittal Requirements

As part of any application for a special sign exception, the following information shall be submitted:

1. A narrative describing how the proposal is consistent with the criteria listed in subsection A2.

2. A colored rendering showing the proposed signs and how they relate to development in the area and on the subject property.

23.55.42 Off-premise and Business Signs Adjacent to Certain Public Highways

A. Intent

The purpose of this Section is to implement the purpose and policy expressed by the Highway Advertising Control Act of the State of Washington in the regulation of outdoor off-premise signs adjacent to certain public highways, and this Section is declared to be an exercise of the police power of the city to protect the public health, safety, convenience and the enjoyment of public travel, to attract visitors to the city and to conserve the beauty of the natural and built environment by regulating the size and location of certain signs adjacent to certain designated freeways, expressways, parkways and scenic routes within the city. This Section shall be liberally construed for the accomplishment of these purposes and is intended to be additional and supplemental to other laws regulating the size and location of signs.

B. Off-premise and business signs prohibited near certain areas

No off-premise sign or business sign shall be erected within six hundred sixty feet outgoing from the nearest edge of the main traveled way of any landscaped and/or scenic view section of a freeway, expressway, parkway or scenic route designated by this subsection and shown on Exhibit 55.42A, (Type A sections) and no off-premise sign shall be erected within two hundred feet in any direction

from the main traveled way of the exit and entrance ramps thereto, if any part of the advertising matter or informative content of the sign is visible from any place on the traveled way of the landscaped and/or scenic view section or ramp, except as provided in subsections C and D:

1. West Seattle Freeway from Harbor Avenue S.W. to 35th Avenue S.W.;

2. The west side of the Alaskan Freeway from South Connecticut Street to the west portal of the Battery Street Tunnel. The east side of the Alaskan Freeway from South Connecticut Street to the west portal of the Battery Street Tunnel;

3. Interstate Highway No. 5 from the north city limits to the south city limits;

4. Interstate Highway No. 90 from the east city limits to Interstate Highway No. 5;

C. Business signs permitted on Type A landscaped and scenic view sections

The following business signs shall be permitted outright on Type I landscaped and scenic view sections:

1. Stationary, nonflashing business signs on the face of a structure, the total area of which shall not exceed ten percent of the face of the structure or two hundred fifty square feet, whichever is less;

2. Stationary, nonflashing freestanding business signs, of which the total area visible from any place on the traveled way of the landscaped and/or scenic view section does not exceed seventy-five square feet, and not exceeding thirty feet in height including structures and component parts as measured from the grade immediately below the sign;

3. Real estate "for sale" or "for rent" signs, provided the total area of all such signs on any lot shall not exceed fifty square feet;

4. Stationary, nonflashing business signs for gas stations, the area of a single face of which shall not exceed one hundred fifty square feet and the total combined area of which shall not exceed two hundred fifty square feet, which may be apportioned among freestanding business signs not exceeding thirty feet in height and business signs on the face of a structure.

D. Discretionary exceptions

1. Discretionary exceptions from the provisions of subsection B may be issued for the types of signs listed in subsection D2 as a Type I decision under Ch.23.76, Master Use Permits and Council Land Use Decisions when the Director finds that the following critiera are met:

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a. The exception will not make difficult the viewing and comprehending by motorists and pedestrians of official or conforming signs; and

b. The exception will not increase the density of signs along a designated landscaped and/or scenic view section to an extent tending to constitute a hazard to traffic safety or a detriment to the appearance of the neighborhood; and

c. The exception will not allow a sign to impinge upon a view of scenic interest.

2. Discretionary exceptions may be permitted for the following types of signs:

a. Business signs composed of letters, numbers or designs individually painted or mounted directly on a structure;

b. Business signs on a structure which extend not more than twelve feet in height above the face of the structure, provided that the maximum permitted area of such signs, except for gas station signs, shall be reduced by fifty percent;

c. Time, temperature and/or stock index recording devices as part of a business sign;

d. Business signs on a structure face of five thousand square feet or more, the area of which exceeds two hundred fifty square feet but which in no case exceeds five percent of the area of the face of the structure;

e. Except signs for gas stations, freestanding business signs on the same premises with business signs on the face of a structure.

E. Off-premise signs prohibited near certain areas

No off-premise sign shall be erected within six hundred sixty feet outgoing from the nearest edge of the main traveled way of any landscaped and/or scenic view section designated by this subsection (Type B sections) and shown on Exhibit 55.42A and no off-premise signs shall be erected within two hundred feet in any direction from the main traveled way of the exit or entrance ramps thereto, if any part of the advertising matter or informative content of the off-premise sign is visible from any place on the traveled way of the landscaped and/or scenic view section or ramp.

1. The east side of Aurora Avenue North from the George Washington Memorial Bridge (Raye Street) to Prospect Street;

2. The east side of Dexter Avenue North from Westlake Avenue North to Aloha Street;

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3. The east side of Westlake Avenue North from the Fremont Bridge to Valley Street;

4. The west side of Fairview Avenue North and Fairview Avenue East from Valley Street to the Lake Union Ship Canal;

5. The north side of Valley Street from Westlake Avenue North to Fairview Avenue North;

6. The south side of North 34th Street from the Fremont Bridge to North Pacific Street;

7. The south side of North Northlake Way and Northeast Northlake Way from the George Washington Memorial Bridge to Tenth Avenue Northeast;

8. The east side of Harbor Avenue Southwest from Southwest Florida Street to Duwamish Head;

9. The northwesterly side of Alki Avenue Southwest from Duwamish Head to Alki Point;

10. Lake Washington Boulevard and Lake Washington Boulevard South from Interstate 90 to Denny Blaine Park;

11. The perimeter streets of Green Lake, consisting of Aurora Avenue North from West Green Lake Way North to West Green Lake Drive North; West Green Lake Drive North; East Green Lake Way North; and West Green Lake Way North;

12. Northwest 54th Street and Seaview Avenue Northwest from the Hiram Chittenden Locks to Golden Gardens Park;

13. All streets forming the perimeter of Seattle Center, as follows: Mercer Street from Warren Avenue North to Fifth Avenue North; Fifth Avenue North from Mercer Street to Broad Street; Broad Street from Fifth Avenue North to Denny Way; Denny Way from Broad Street to Second Avenue North; Second Avenue North from Denny Way to Thomas Street; Thomas Street from Second Avenue North to First Avenue North; First Avenue North from Thomas Street to Republican Street; Republican Street from First Avenue North to Warren Avenue; Warren Avenue from Republican Street to Mercer Street;

14. The south side of North Pacific Street and Northeast Pacific Street from 34th Street North to Latona Avenue Northeast.

Section 11. Section 23.84.002 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended to add the following definition:

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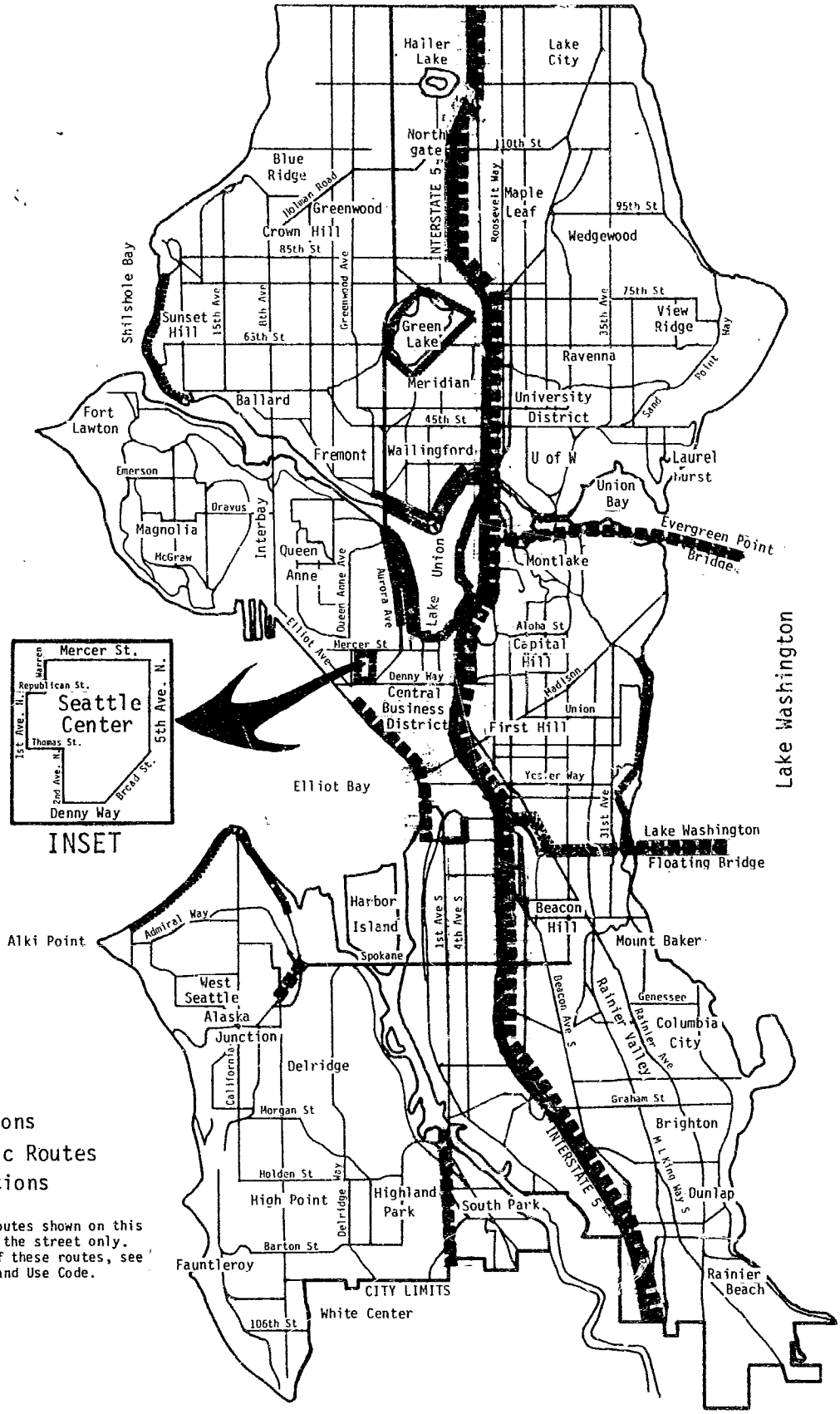

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Exhibit 55.42A

- Type A Sections
- Future Scenic Routes
- Type B Sections

Most advertising control routes shown on this map pertain to one side of the street only. For precise descriptions of these routes, see Section 23.56.40C of the Land Use Code.

Awning, fixed

A protective covering of fixed, noncollapsible, rigid construction, attached to a structure, the upper surface of which has a pitch of at least thirty degrees from the horizontal. See canopy.

Section 12. Section 23.84.004 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

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~~((~~"Billboard" ~~means an off-premises pole, wall, or roof sign erected, constructed, or maintained for the purpose of displaying outdoor advertising by means of pictorial or written matter.))~~

Billboard

See sign, advertising.

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Business district identification sign

An off-premise sign which gives the name of a business district or industrial park and which may list the names of individual businesses within the district or park.

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Section 13. Section 23.84.006 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended to add the following definitions:

Canopy

A nonrigid, retractable or nonretractable, protective covering located at the entrance to a structure.

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Control of access

The condition where the right of owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons to access, light, air or view in connection with a public street is fully or partially controlled by public authority.

Control of access, full

The condition where the authority to control access is exercised to give preference to through traffic by providing access connections with selected public streets only and by prohibiting crossings at grade and direct driveway connections.

Control of access, partial

The condition where the authority to control access is exercised to give preference to through traffic to a degree that, in addition to access connections with selected public streets, there may be some crossings at grade and some direct connections.

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Section 14. Section 23.84.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended to add the following definitions:

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Entrance ramp

Any public road or turning roadway including acceleration lanes by which traffic enters the main traveled way of a limited access facility from the general street system; such designation applying to that portion of the roadway along which there is full control of access.

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Exit ramp

Any public road or turning roadway including deceleration lanes by which traffic leaves the main traveled way of a freeway to reach the general street system within the city; such designation applying to that portion of the roadway along which there is full control of access.

Expressway

A divided arterial street for through traffic with full or partial control of access and generally with grade separations at intersections.

Section 15. Section 23.84.012 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended to add the following definition:

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Freeway

An expressway with full control of access.

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Section 16. Section 23.84.024 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended to add the following definition:

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Landscape section

A section of the right-of-way of a freeway, expressway, parkway or scenic route, at least one side of which is improved by the planting, for other than the sole purpose of soil erosion control, of ornamental trees, shrubs, lawn or other vegetation, or at least one side of which is endowed by nature with native trees and shrubs that are reasonably maintained, and which has been so designated by this Code.

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Section 17. Section 23.84.025 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended to add the following definition:

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Multiple business center

A grouping of two or more business establishments which either share common parking on the lot where they are located, and/or which occupy a single structure or separate structures which are physically attached. Shopping centers are considered to be multiple business centers.

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Section 18. Section 23.84.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended to add the following definition:

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Parkway

A thoroughfare located within a park, or including a park-like development and designated as a "parkway."

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Section 19. Section 23.84.032 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended to add the following definition:

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Residential district identification sign

An off-premise sign which gives the name of the group of residential structures, such as a subdivision or cluster development.

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Section 20. Section 23.84.036 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

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Scenic route

Those streets designated by the Land Use Code as scenic routes.

Scenic view section

A section of the traveled way of a freeway, expressway, parkway, or scenic route the daily traffic along which includes a large number of motorists entering, passing through or leaving the city and from which there is a view of scenic beauty or historical significance, or of an array of urban features or natural prospects, or of a public park, or of lakes, bays, mountains, the harbor or the city skyline, and which has been so designated by this Code.

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Sign, awning

Graphics on a fixed awning used or intended to be used to attract attention to the subject matter for advertising, identification, or informative purposes. An awning sign shall not be considered a fabric sign.

Sign, business

An on-premise sign directing attention to a business, profession, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered on the lot where the sign is located. This definition shall not include signs located within a ((~~business establishment~~)) structure except those signs oriented so as to be visible through a window.

Sign, canopy

Graphics on a canopy used or intended to be used to attract attention to the subject matter for advertising, identification, or information purposes. A canopy sign shall not be considered a fabric sign.

Sign, changing image

A sign which changes its ((~~has a changing~~)) message or background(~~.~~) by means of electrical, kinetic, solar or mechanical energy not including message board signs.

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Sign, chasing

A sign which includes one or more rows of lights which light up in sequence.

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Sign, double-faced

A sign which has two display surfaces in approximately parallel planes backed against each other or against the same background, one face of which is designed to be seen from one direction and the other from the opposite direction.

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Sign, fabric

A sign made of canvas, cloth or similar non-rigid material.

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Sign, flashing

((~~means a sign which contains an intermittent or flashing light source, or an externally mounted, intermittent light source.~~))

An electrical sign or portion of an electrical sign which changes light intensity in sudden transitory bursts. Flashing signs do not include changing image or chasing signs.

Sign, freestanding

A pole or ground sign.

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Sign, large

(~~means a sign four(4) by eight feet (8'), constructed of a durable material.~~)

A sign constructed of a durable material, required for public notice of proposed land use actions according to Chapter 23.76, Procedures for Master Use Permits and Council Land Use Decisions.

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Signs, message board

An electric sign which has a readerboard for the display of information, such as time, temperature, or public service or commercial messages, which can be changed through the turning on and off of different combinations of light bulbs within the display area.

Sign, off-premises

((~~means a commercial use consisting of a sign relating, through its message and content, to a business activity, use, product or service not available on the premises upon which the sign is erected.~~))

A sign relating, through its message and content, to a business activity, use, product or service not available on the premises upon which the sign is erected.

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Sign, projecting

A sign other than a wall sign, which projects from and is supported by a wall of a ((~~building or~~)) structure.

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Sign, temporary

Any sign whi is to be displayed for a limited period of time only, including but not limited to, banners, pennants, streamers, fabric signs, wind animated objects, clusters of flags, festoons of lights and search lights. A temporary sign may be of rigid or non-rigid construction.

Sign, under marquee

A lighted or unlighted ((~~display~~)) sign attached to the underside of a marquee.

Sign, wall

Any sign attached to and supported by a wall of a ((~~building or~~)) structure, with the exposed face of the sign on a plane parallel to the plane of the wall.

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Section 21. Section 23.84.038 of the Seattle Municipal Code is hereby amended to add the following definition:

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Travelled way

The paved portion of a freeway, expressway, parkway and their entrance or exit ramps, or scenic route, exclusive of shoulders, used for the movement of vehicles.

Section 22. Section 23.84.042 of the Seattle Municipal Code is hereby amended to add the following definition:

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Visible

Capable of being seen (whether or not legible) without visual aid by persons of normal visual acquity.

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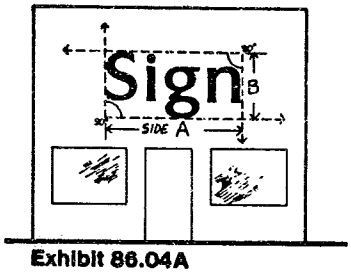
Section 23. That Section 23.86.04 of the Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

23.86.04 Sign Measurements

A. Sign area

1. For a sign which is an independent structure, the entire visible ~~((display))~~ surface of the sign, exclusive of support devices, shall be included in area calculations. Only one face of a double faced sign shall be counted.

2. For a sign painted or mounted directly on another structure, sign area shall be the area contained in the smallest rectangular area enclosing the graphic or worded message, measured by the projection of the legs of two right angles that are placed at opposite corners of the graphic and/or worded message, Exhibit 86.04A.



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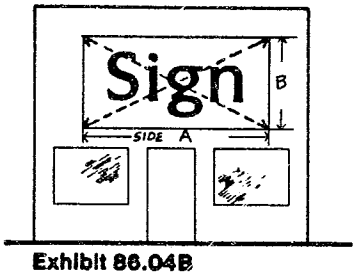
3. Where a background color different from that of the face upon which a sign is located is used as part of the sign, the entire background area shall be included in area calculations. Exhibit 86.04B.



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4. Only message-conveying text shall be included. Decorative graphics not conveying a readily apparent message shall not be counted in the area of the sign.

5. For the purposes of measuring sign area for signs regulated by Section 23.56.42, Signs Adjacent to Certain Public Highways, the following provisions shall also be used to calculate sign area:

a. Where freestanding business signs and business signs on the face of a building are visible on the same premises, the sum of the area of both types of signs visible from any place on the traveled way shall not exceed the area permitted on the face of the building, except as provided for gas station signs and in Section 23.56.42E1.

b. Where a multi-faced sign is used, the greatest area visible from any place on the travelled way shall be measured.

6. In major institution zones, when signs with and without size limits are combined, the portion of the sign to which a size limit applies shall not exceed the applicable limit.

B. Number of signs

In certain zones, the type and number of signs is determined by amount of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys. Frontage shall be measured as follows:

1. When only one business establishment is located on a lot, or when determining the frontage of a multiple business center, frontage shall equal the length of the street property line(s) of the lot on which the business establishment or multiple business center is located, Exhibit 86.04C.

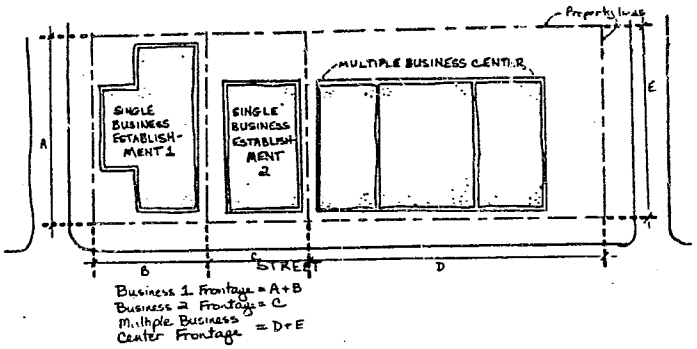

Exhibit 86.04C **Measurement of Property Frontages for Business Establishments and Multiple Business Centers**

2. When determining the frontage of a business establishment located in a multiple business center, the following method shall be used:

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a. Draw the least rectangle that encloses the portion of the principal structure in which the business establishment is located, as well as any area used for outdoor sales or outdoor display of rental equipment.

b. Extend the sides of the rectangle to the property line(s) of the lot which abut a right-of-way, except an alley, and which are not blocked from the rectangle by another structure or portion of the structure, Exhibit 86.04D.

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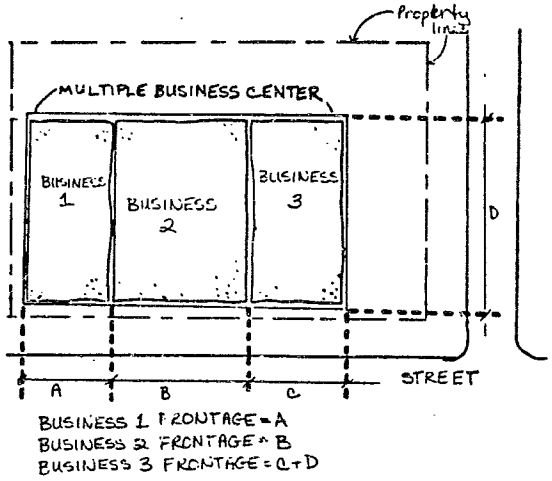
Measurement of Property Frontage for Business Establishments in a Multiple Business Center



c. The lineal footage of the frontage between the extended sides of the rectangle shall be the frontage of the business establishment for purposes of measuring the number and type of permitted signs.

C. Dispersion standards for off-premise signs

1. Where dispersion of off-premise signs is required, the number of off-premise signs permitted on a street shall be calculated as follows:

a. Project the center line of each off-premise sign structure or sign painted on a structure to the center line of each street from which the sign face is visible, at right angles to the street. Signs which are set so far back from a street that they are not visible from the street, and permitted business district identification signs, shall not be counted.

b. Signs on both sides of the street shall be counted.

c. Single face billboards, and signs painted on structures, shall be considered one sign for the purposes of this subsection.

d. Double face or "V" type shall be considered two signs for the purposes of this subsection.

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e. The number of permitted signs shall be measured from the projections made under subsection Cla at the centerline of the street, Exhibit 86.04E.

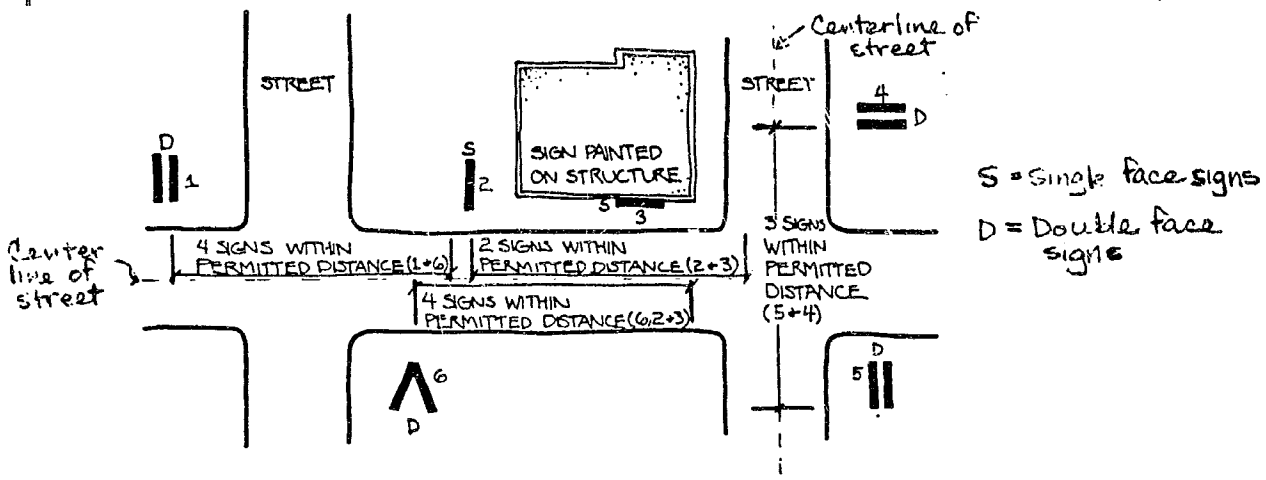

Exhibit 86.04 E Dispersion of off-premise signs

2. Where a minimum distance between each off-premise sign structure is established, the distance shall be calculated as follows:

a. Draw a circle with its center on the centerline of the sign structure, and a radius equal to the minimum required distance, Exhibit 86.04F.

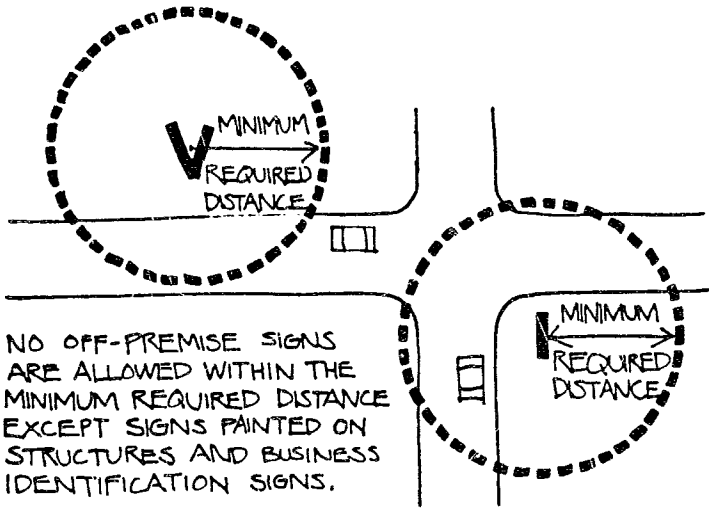

Exhibit 86.04 F Distance between off-premise signs

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b. No off-premise sign except signs painted on a structure and permitted business district identification signs shall be located within the circle.

c. Double face or "V" type billboards shall be considered one sign for the purposes of this subsection.

d. When permitted sign area is calculated as a percentage of the area of the face of the structure on which the sign is located, the area of the structure face shall be the elevation of the structure as measured on flat projection from any side, excluding the roof and excluding any chimney, stack, structure, or mechanical equipment on the roof.

Section 24. Section 4901 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code, as adopted by Ordinance 111200, is amended to read as follows:

PURPOSE

Sec. 4901. It is the purpose of this chapter to safeguard the life, health, property and welfare of the citizens of the City of Seattle by regulating and controlling the design, quality of materials, construction, location, ~~((use))~~ illumination, and maintenance of signs and sign structures visible from any portion of public property or rights-of-way. ((~~The intent of the standards set forth below is:~~))

((~~1. To encourage the design of signs that attract and invite rather than demand, the public's attention and to curb the proliferation of signs;~~

~~2. To encourage the use of signs that enhance the visual environment of the city;~~

~~3. To promote the enhancement of business and residential properties and neighborhoods by fostering the erection of signs complementary to the buildings and uses to which they relate and which are harmonious with their surroundings;~~

~~4. To protect the public interest and safety; and~~

~~5. To protect the right of business to identify its premises and advertise its products through the use of signs without undue hindrance or obstruction.~~))

Section 25. Section 4902 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code, as adopted by Ordinance 111200, is amended to read as follows:

ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 4902 (a) Authority. The building official is hereby authorized and directed to enforce all of the provisions of this chapter and Chapter 23.55 of the Land Use Code relating to signs erected and maintained on private property. Under the direction of the Board of Public Works, the Director of Engineering and the building official shall enforce the provisions of this chapter and Chapter 23.55 of the Land Use Code and the Zoning Code, Title 24, as ((~~it~~)) they relate to signs over public ((~~property~~)) places as defined in Section 15.02.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Signs erected without permit as required by Section 4904 which do not conform to the provisions of this chapter and Chapter 23.55 of the Land Use Code and the Zoning Code, Title 24, shall be removed upon notification in writing by the building official.

(b) Other Requirements. All signs shall comply with any additional regulations as to type, height, clearance, size, copy, design and location imposed by the Land Use Code and the Street Use Ordinance, as amended, and other ordinances of the city.

Section 26. Section 4903 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code, as adopted by Ordinance 111200, is amended to read as follows:

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((~~AREA OF SIGNS permitted by this chapter shall be measured as follows:~~

~~(a) Where signs are mounted on a structure separate from a building the entire visible surface of the structure, exclusive of support devices shall be included;~~

~~(b) Where signs are painted or mounted directly on a building, the area contained in the least rectangle enclosing all portions of the signs shall be included;~~

~~(c) Where a background color different from that of the building face upon which a sign is located is used as part of the sign, the entire background area shall be included.~~))

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BULLETIN BOARD is a board for messages for users of the premises on which the board is erected and not intended for view from the public right of way. A bulletin board is not a sign.

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((~~CHANGING IMAGE SIGN is a sign which changes its message or background by means of electrical, kinetic, solar or mechanical energy.~~

~~CURB LINE is the line at the face of the curb nearest to the street or roadway. In the absence of a curb, the curb line shall be established by the City Engineer.~~ (See ~~SETBACK LINE.~~)))

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((~~DRIVE-IN-BUSINESS is a business where a customer is permitted or encouraged, either by the design of physical facilities or by service and/or packaging procedures, to carry on his business in the offstreet parking area accessory to the business.~~))

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FABRIC SIGN is a sign made of canvas, cloth or similar non-rigid material.

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((~~FLASHING SIGN is an electrical sign or portion which changes light intensity in sudden transitory bursts, but not including signs which appear to chase or flicker and not including signs where the change in light intensity occurs at intervals of more than one second.~~

~~GROUND SIGN is a sign that is 6 feet or less in height above ground level and supported by one or more poles, columns or supports anchored in the ground.~~

~~HEIGHT OF SIGN is: 1. For a free standing on-premise sign, the vertical distance measured from the curb grade of the nearest street of intended exposure to the highest point of the sign or sign structure;~~

~~2. For a sign attached to a building, the vertical distance measured from the building grade to the highest point of the sign or structure.~~))

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((~~OFF-PREMISE DIRECTIONAL SIGN is a sign used to direct pedestrial or vehicular traffic to a facility, service, or business located on other premises within 1500 feet of the sign. The message of such sign shall not include any reference to brand names of products or services whether or not available on such other premises, provided the name of the facility, service or business may be used.~~

~~OFF-PREMISE SIGN is a sign relating, through its message and content, to a business activity, use, product or service not available on the premises upon which the sign is erected.~~))

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((~~POLE SIGN is a sign wholly supported by a sign structure in the ground.~~))

((~~PORTABLE DISPLAY SURFACE is a display surface temporarily fixed to a standardized advertising structure which is regularly moved from structure to structure at periodic intervals.~~))

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((~~ROTATING SIGN is a sign that revolves on a fixed axis.~~))

~~SETBACK LINE is a line established by ordinance beyond which no building may be built. A setback line may be a property line.~~))

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TEMPORARY SIGN is any sign of either rigid or nonrigid construction, including, but not limited to, banners, pennants, ((~~valance or advertising display constructed of cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard or other light materials, with or without frames~~)) streamers, fabric signs, wind animated objects, clusters of flags, festoons of lights, and search lights, to be displayed for a limited period of time only.

((~~UNDER MARQUEE SIGN is a lighted or unlighted display attached to the underside of a marquee.~~))

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Section 27. Section 4904 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code, as adopted by Ordinance 111200, is amended to read as follows:

PERMITS REQUIRED

Sec. 4904. (a) Permanent Signs. No sign shall hereafter be erected, re-erected, constructed, painted, posted, applied, altered, structurally revised, or repaired, except as provided in this chapter and Chapter 23.55 of the Land Use Code and the Zoning Code, Title 24, and pursuant to a permit therefor issued by the building official.

A separate permit shall be required for a sign or signs for each business entity and/or a separate permit for each group of signs on a single supporting structure installed simultaneously. Thereafter, each additional sign erected on the structure must have a separate permit. In addition, electrical permits shall be obtained for electric signs and street use permits shall be required for signs ((~~on~~ or)) over any public place pursuant to the Street Use Ordinance as amended.

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((~~(b) No permit shall be issued to erect, construct, alter or structurally revise any billboard or off-premise sign other than an off-premise directional sign, except under the following circumstances and subject to the following conditions:~~

~~1. A permit to alter or structurally revise an existing billboard or off-premise sign may be issued if:~~

~~A. The billboard or off-premise sign was lawfully erected but is nonconforming under Section 4924;~~

~~B. The proposed structural revision or alteration will bring the billboard or off-premise sign into conformity with Section 4924; and~~

~~C. Upon completion of the alterations or structural revisions, the billboard or off-premise sign will be in full compliance with this chapter and all other applicable ordinances of the city.~~

~~2. A permit to relocate or reconstruct an existing billboard or off-premise sign at a new location may be issued if:~~

~~A. The billboard or off-premise sign was lawfully erected and complies with Section 4924 and the other provisions of this chapter but is nonconforming under Ordinance 90138, as amended, or the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances, as amended; and~~

~~B. The permit is requested in order to reconstruct or relocate the off-premise sign or billboard at a location where it will be a permitted use and will conform with all ordinances of the city.~~

~~Existing billboards and off-premise signs which conform to the requirements of Section 4924, and off-premise directional signs which conform to the maximum area requirements of Section 4924, shall not be regarded as nonconforming signs and shall not be subject to termination pursuant to Section 4926.~~))

EXCEPTION: The following sign activity shall not require a permit, provided the owner of any such sign shall continue to have the responsibility of erection and maintenance of such sign and for compliance with the provisions of this chapter and any other law or ordinance regulating signs:

A. Signs located within the interior of a structure which are not visible from any portion of public property or rights-of-way;

B. The changing of the advertising copy or message on a lawfully erected painted or printed sign, theater marquee, gasoline price sign or similar signs specifically designed for the use of replaceable copy;

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C. Painting, repainting, cleaning, repairing, and other normal maintenance unless a structural or electrical change is made;

D. One business identification sign, non-electrical and non-illuminated, 1-1/2 square feet or less in area and permanently affixed to the building facade on a plane parallel to the building facade located entirely on private property;

E. On-premises directional and information signs not over 5 square feet in area;

F. One bulletin board not over 12 square feet in area and not over 8 feet in height for each public, charitable or religious institution when located on the wall of said institution;

G. Memorial signs or tablets and names of buildings and dates of building erection when cut into a masonry surface or constructed of bronze or other noncombustible materials;

H. Signs of public service companies indicating danger and/or providing service or safety information;

(b) Temporary Signs. 1. Permit Required. The erection, re-erection, construction, posting or placement of temporary signs as permitted by Section 23.55.12 of the Land Use Code shall require a temporary sign permit.

EXCEPTION: The following temporary signs shall not require a permit, provided the owner of any such sign shall continue to have the responsibility of erection, maintenance and removal of such sign and for compliance with the provisions of this chapter and any other law or ordinance regulating signs:

A. Temporary decorations customary for special holidays, such as Independence Day and Christmas, erected entirely on private property;

B. Real estate signs. Such signs shall be removed not later than 7 days after the sale, lease or rental of the property;

C. One temporary sign not exceeding 12 square feet in area for each 300 feet of street frontage of premises where work is under construction, identifying the architect, engineer, contractor or other individual or company involved in a construction project.

D. Temporary political advertising signs which are subject to the provisions of the Fair Campaign Act, Chapter 2.24 SMC, as amended;

E. Temporary merchandising signs applied to storefront windows;

F. Large signs as required by Chapter 23.76 of the Seattle Municipal (Land Use) Code.

2. Length of Permit. Temporary signs shall be limited by their permit to periods not to exceed 14 days.

3. Number of Events. Temporary sign permit issuance shall be limited to new business openings and to the relocation of an existing business to an entirely new location. In addition, temporary sign permits may be issued for a maximum of two other special events each year.

4. Placement of Sign Permit Number. All temporary signs of rigid construction requiring a permit shall have the temporary sign permit number placed in the upper left hand corner by the permittee.

(c) Number of Signs. Temporary signs as permitted by Section 23.55.12 of the Land Use Code and signs not requiring a permit as specified in Sec. 4904 (a) shall not be included as part of the maximum number of signs permitted under Chapter 23.55 of the Seattle Municipal (Land Use) Code.

(d) Attachments to Signs. Ancillary devices, displays and attachments not originally a part of the sign for which a permit was issued shall not be added to an existing sign except as provided in this chapter and Chapter 23.55 of the Land Use Code and pursuant to another permit therefor issued by the building official.

Section 28. Section 4906 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200 is hereby repealed.

Section 29. Section 4907 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200 is hereby repealed.

Section 30. Section 4908 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200 is amended to read as follows:

INSPECTIONS

Sec. 4908. (a) All signs regulated by this chapter shall be subject to inspection and periodic reinspection by the building official.

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(b) All footing inspections shall be made by the building official.

(c) Every permanent sign shall display the name of the sign erector ((~~legible from a distance of 30 feet~~)).

(d) All structural welding on signs and sign structures shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 27 for steel and Chapter 28 for aluminum.

(e) All signs containing electrical wiring shall be subject to the Seattle Electrical Code. Refurbished, used electrical signs and field-assembled electrical signs shall be inspected by the building official.

Section 31. Section 4909 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200 is amended to read as follows:

MAINTENANCE AND CLOSURE OF BUSINESS

Sec. 4909. (a) Maintenance. All signs, together with all of their supports, braces, guys and anchors, shall be kept in repair and in a proper state of preservation. The display surface of all signs shall be kept neatly painted or posted at all times. The building official shall order the removal of all signs not properly maintained or no longer in use by the owner, occupant or lessee, and the permit therefor shall be cancelled.

(b) Closure of Business - Abandoned Signs. Upon the closure and vacation of a business or activity, the operator of said business or activity shall be responsible for the removal of all signs relating to said business or activity within 90 days from the date of such closure. If the operator of said business or activity fails to remove said signs within the designated time period and said business or activity is not reoccupied or resumed during said 90-day period, then the owner of the premises upon which the signs are located shall be responsible for the removal of said signs within 180 days from the date of closure and vacation of the premises.

Section 32. Section 4910 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200, is hereby renumbered as Section 4912.

Section 33. The Seattle Amendments to the 1982 Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 11200 are hereby amended by replacing former Section 4910 with a new Section 4910 to read as follows:

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NONCONFORMING SIGNS

Sec. 4910 A nonconforming sign is a sign or any portion thereof which because of its location or construction could not lawfully be reconstructed in its present location. A nonconforming sign shall have no additions thereto.

Exception: Minor additions which the building official may find necessary in the interest of safety, or the changing of the advertising message thereon in connection with a change of ownership or tenancy of the premises, provided that such addition or physical change does not expand the nonconforming nature of the sign.

Section 34. Section 4911 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200 is hereby renumbered as Section 4913.

Section 35. Section 4912 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200 is hereby renumbered as Section 4911, and amended to read as follows:

GENERAL ~~((DESIGN))~~ REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 4911 ((~~4912~~)) (a) General. All types of signs shall conform to the requirements of this section.

(b) Clearance From High Voltage Power Lines. Signs shall be located not less than 3 feet horizontally or 8 feet vertically from overhead electrical conductors which are energized in excess of 600 volts and not less than 10 feet in any direction from conductors of 26,000 volts or more. The term "overhead conductors" as used in this section means any electrical conductor, either bare or insulated, installed above the ground except such conductors as are enclosed in iron pipe or other material covering of equal strength.

(c) Clearance from Fire Escapes, Exits or Standpipes. No sign or sign structure shall be erected in such a manner that any portion of its surface or supports will interefere in any way with the free use of any fire escape, exit or standpipe.

(d) Obstruction of Openings. No sign shall obstruct any openings to such an extent that light or ventilation is reduced to a point below that rered by this code.

Signs erected within 5 feet of an exterior wall in which there are openings within the area of the sign shall be constructed of noncombustible material or approved plastics.

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((e) Projection over Alleys. No sign or sign structure shall project into any public alley below a height of 16 feet above grade, nor project more than 24 inches beyond the property line.))

(e) Supporting Members. Signs mounted on and attached to buildings shall be so designed and mounted that secondary structural members shall be incorporated into and become a part of the sign display. Exterior bracing such as angle irons, guy wires, cables and similar devices shall be permitted only where no other reasonable method of fastening consistent with safety is possible.

((g) Glare from Signs. All illuminated signs shall be designed and located in such a manner as to avoid undue glare or reflection of lights.))

(f) View from Rear. If a sign is visible from more than one direction, all areas not intended as display surfaces including the back and sides shall be designed so that such areas are given a finished and pleasing appearance with the display surfaces visible only from the directions that they are intended to be seen.

Section 17. Section 4913 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200 is hereby renumbered as Section 4914 and amended to read as follows:

ROOF SIGNS

Sec. 4914. (a) General. Roof signs shall be constructed of noncombustible material except as specified in Section 4913 ((4911)) and shall be thoroughly secured and anchored to the frame of the building over which they are constructed and erected.

(((b) Height. Roof signs shall not exceed a height above the roof in excess of the height of the building upon which the sign is located, but in no case shall the height of the sign measured from a point of the roof line directly below the sign or from the nearest adjacent parapet exceed 30 feet, nor shall such roof sign extend beyond the zoning height limit. The height of the building at any point shall be measured from the grade of the building facade to the top of the highest parapet wall, ridge line or point of the roof.))

(((c) Projection and Clearance. 1. Projection. Roof signs shall not project over any public place or beyond a setback line.))

((2)) (b) Clearance and Access. A passage clear of all obstructions shall be left under or around, and

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immediately adjacent to, signs exceeding a height of 4 feet above the roof. Such passage shall be not less than 3 feet wide and 4 feet high and shall be at parapet or roof level.

There shall be one such passage or access opening as follows:

1. For each roof sign upon a building.

2. An access opening for every 50 lineal feet of horizontal roof sign extension.

3. Within 20 feet of walls and parapets when roof signs are at right angles to a face of the building.

Section 37. Section 4914 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200 is hereby repealed.

Section 38, Section 4915 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200 is hereby repealed.

Section 39. Section 4916 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200 is hereby amended as follows:

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~~Sec. 4916. It shall be unlawful for anyone to stretch, hang or otherwise place any canvas or cloth sign or banner over or across any public place as defined in the Street Use Ordinance, as amended, unless approved by the Board of Public Works in accordance with the rules and regulations of said Board.~~))

TEMPORARY FABRIC SIGNS

Sec. 4916 Temporary signs made of fabric or similar non-rigid material shall be supported and attached with wire rope of 3/8 inch minimum diameter. No strings, fiber ropes or wood slats shall be permitted for support or anchorage purposes. Temporary fabric signs and panels shall be perforated over at least 10 percent of their area to reduce wind resistance.

EXCEPTION: Temporary fabric signs over private property not exceeding 60 square feet shall be supported and attached with wire rope which shall meet the requirements of Section 4912.

Section 40. Section 4917 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200 is hereby repealed.

Section 41. Section 4918 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code adopted by Ordinance 111200 is renumbered to Section 4915 and amended to read as follows:

ELECTRIC SIGNS

Sec. 4915. (a) Construction. Electric signs shall be constructed of noncombustible materials except as provided in Section ((~~4911~~)) 4913. The enclosed shell of electric signs shall be watertight except that service holes fitted with covers shall be provided into each compartment of such signs.

(b) Installation. Electrical equipment used in connection with display signs shall be installed in accordance with the Seattle Electrical Code.

Section 42. Sections 4919, 4920, 4921, 4922, 4923, 4924, 4925, 4926, and 4927 of the Seattle Amendments to the Uniform Building Code, as adopted by Ordinance 111200, are hereby repealed.

Section 43. That Section 24.44.010 is amended to read as follows:

24.44.010 Required conditions.

All uses permitted in this zone shall be subject to the following conditions:

A. All business, service, repair or processing merchandise display, and storage, including storage of containers or commercial vehicles, shall be conducted wholly within an enclosed building except as modified in this chapter.

B. All goods produced on the premises shall be sold at retail on the premises.

C. Not more than five persons shall be engaged at any one time in repair, fabrication or other processing of goods in any establishment except for food preparation in restaurants and retail food markets.

D. Not more than twelve horsepower shall be employed in the operation of all machines for fabricating, processing, or repair in any establishment.

E. Processes and equipment employed and goods processed or sold shall be limited to those which are not objectionable by reason of odor, dust, smoke, cinders, gas, fumes, noise, vibration, refuse matter, or water-carried waste.

F. ((~~Advertising signs shall not be located upon and supported by a roof or parapet of a building or structure, and shall be located fifty feet (50') or more from any lot in an R Zone and one hundred feet (100') or more from any public school grounds or public park.~~)) Any outdoor principal or accessory use which abuts upon any lot in an R Zone shall provide screening of six feet in height. Such screening shall be maintained in good condition.

G. Other required conditions specified in this chapter and Section 24.66.140A.

H. Off-street parking spaces established in the "downtown area" shall be subject to Section 24.64.130.

I. Off-premise signs shall be subject to the following regulations:

1. Not more than a total of four advertising signs or off-premise directional sign faces shall be permitted on both sides of a street within a space of six hundred sixty feet. There shall be a minimum distance of one hundred feet between sign structures.

2. Off-premise signs shall not be roof signs.

3. No off-premise sign shall be incandescently illuminated by more than one and one-quarter watts of electrical power per square foot of sign area, or be fluorescently or otherwise illuminated by more than one watt of electrical power per square foot of sign area.

4. The maximum height limit for any portion of an off-premise sign shall be sixty feet.

J. No advertising sign shall be erected, constructed, altered or structurally revised, except under the following circumstances and subject to the following conditions:

1. An existing advertising sign may be altered or structurally revised if:

(a) The advertising sign was lawfully erected but does not conform to the provisions of this Section or of Chapter 49 of the Seattle Building Code;

(b) The proposed structural revision or alteration will bring the advertising sign into conformity with the provisions of this Section; and

(c) Upon completion of the alterations or structural revisions, the advertising sign will be in full compliance with this Section and all other applicable ordinances of the city.

2. An existing advertising sign may be relocated or reconstructed at a new location if:

(a) The advertising sign was lawfully erected and complies with the development standards of this Section and Chapter 49 of the Seattle Building Code, but is located on a site or in a zone where it is not permitted; and

(b) The reconstructed or relocated advertising sign will be a permitted use and will conform with all ordinances of the city at its new location.

(c) Maximum area

The maximum total area of any advertising sign shall be six hundred seventy-two square feet with a maximum vertical dimension of twenty-five feet and a maximum horizontal dimension of fifty feet, provided that cutouts and extensions may add up to twenty percent of additional sign area.

(d) All advertising signs shall be located at least fifty feet from any lot in a residential zone, and at least one hundred feet from any public school grounds or public part or playground.

(e) No variances shall be permitted from the provisions of this subsection.

K. The maximum area of any off-premise directional sign shall be one hundred square feet with a maximum vertical dimension of ten feet and a maximum horizontal dimension of twenty feet.

Section 44. That Section 24.44.090 is amended to read as follows:

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24.44.090 Accessory uses permitted outright.

The following uses are permitted:

A. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a principal use permitted outright in this chapter except of a type prohibited in Section 24.44.160:

B. Amateur radio transmitting tower;

C. Sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises((.));

D. Drive-in banking facilities, subject to the requirements of Section 24.42.050((.));

E. Heat-recovery incinerator under conditions specified in Section 24.16.070, subsection G, provided that no lot so used shall be less than two (2) acres in area, or if the lot is an entire block, no less than sixty thousand (60,000) square feet in area((.));

F. On-premise signs

1. Each business establishment may have one pole, roof, wall, marquee, under marquee, projecting or combination sign for each three hundred lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys.

2. In addition to the signs permitted by subsection F1, each business establishment may have one wall, ground, marquee, under marquee or projecting sign for each thirty lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys.

3. In addition to the signs permitted by subsections F1 and F2, each multiple business center and drive-in business may have one pole sign for each three hundred lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys. Such pole signs may be for a drive-in business, or for an individual business establishment located in a multiple business center, or may identify a multiple business center.

4. In addition to the signs permitted by subsections F1, F2, and F3, each gasoline service station may also have one additional ground sign for each three hundred lineal feet, or portion thereof, of frontage on public rights-of-way, except alleys, for the purpose of identifying the price of gasoline dispensed on the premises. The ground sign shall be no larger than twenty-four square feet in area, and the price identification shall accurately indicate the full price of the gasoline being offered for sale by numerals of equal size.

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5. Temporary signs permitted by Section 23.55.12 of the Land Use Code shall be permitted.

Section 45. That Section 24.52.010 is amended to read as follows:

24.52.010 Required conditions.

All uses permitted in this chapter shall be subject to the following conditions:

A. Machines employed in permitted fabrication or manufacturing establishments and automobile repair garages shall be limited to a total of one hundred horsepower.

B. ((~~Advertising signs shall not be located upon and supported by a roof or parapet of a building or structure, and shall be located fifty feet (50') or more from any lot in an R Zone and one hundred feet (100') or more from any public schoolgrounds or park.~~)) Except for advertising signs and transient amusement enterprises, any outdoor principal or accessory use which abuts upon, or faces across a street, alley or place, any lot in an R Zone, shall provide screening six feet in height. Such screening shall be maintained in good condition.

C. Processes and equipment employed and goods stored, processed or sold shall be limited to those which are not objectionable by reason of odor, dust, smoke, cinders, gas, fumes, noise, vibration, refuse matter, or water-carried waste.

D. Other required conditions specified in this chapter and Section 24.66.140 A.

E. Off-street parking spaces in the "downtown area" shall be subject to Section 24.64.130.

F. Off-premise signs and billboards shall be subject to the conditions of Section 24.44.010 I, J and K.

Section 46. That Section 24.52.120 is amended to read as follows:

24.42.120 Accessory uses permitted outright.

The following uses are permitted:

A. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a principal use permitted outright in this chapter, except of a type prohibited in Section 24.52.180;

B. Concrete mixing subject to the following conditions:

1. Mixing drum shall be one-half cubic yard or less in capacity,

2. Power source shall be electrical,

3. Mixing machinery and equipment shall be located one hundred feet or more from any lot in an R Zone;

C. Watchman or caretaker quarters.

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D. Heat-recovery incinerator under conditions specified in Section 24.16.070, subsection G, provided that no lot so used shall be less than two acres in area, or if the lot is an entire block, no less than sixty thousand square feet in area.

E. On-premise business signs, subject to the conditions of Section 24.44.090 F.

Section 47. That Section 24.54.010 is amended to read as follows:

24.54.010 Required conditions.

All uses permitted in this zone shall be subject to the following conditions:

A. Processes and equipment employed and goods processed or sold shall be limited to those which are not objectionable by reason of odor, dust, smoke, cinders, gas, fumes, noise, vibration, refuse matter or water-carried waste.

B. Other conditions specified in this chapter.

C. Off-street parking spaces in the "downtown area" shall be subject to Section 24.64.130.

D. Off-premise signs shall be subject to the following regulations:

1. Not more than a total of four advertising signs or off-premise directional sign faces, plus two identification signs for a business district, shall be permitted on both sides of a street within a space of six hundred sixty feet. There shall be a minimum distance of one hundred feet between sign structures.

2. No off-premise sign shall be incandescently illuminated by more than one and one-quarter watts of electrical power per square foot of sign area, or be fluorescently or otherwise illuminated by more than one watt of electrical power per square foot of sign area.

E. No advertising sign shall be erected, constructed, altered or structurally revised, except under the following circumstances and subject to the following conditions:

1. An existing advertising sign may be altered or structurally revised if:

(a) The advertising sign was lawfully erected but does not conform to the provisions of this Section or of Chapter 49 of the Seattle Building Code;

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(b) The reconstructed or relocated advertising sign will be a permitted use and will conform with all ordinances of the city at its new location.

3. Maximum area

The maximum total area of any advertising sign shall be six hundred seventy-two square feet with a maximum vertical dimension of twenty-five feet and a maximum horizontal dimension of fifty feet, provided that cutouts and extensions may add up to twenty percent of additional sign area.

4. All advertising signs shall be located at least fifty feet from any lot in a residential zone, and at least one hundred feet from any public school grounds or public park or playground.

5. No variances shall be permitted from the provisions of this subsection.

F. The maximum area of any off-premise directional sign shall be one hundred square feet with a maximum vertical dimension of ten feet and a maximum horizontal dimension of twenty feet.

Section 48. That Section 24.54.120 is amended to read as follows:

24.54.120 Accessory uses permitted outright.

A. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a principal use permitted outright in this chapter except of a type prohibited in Section 24.54.180;

B. A house trailer or mobile home used only as a watchman's or caretaker's quarters subject to the following conditions:

1. Such trailer or mobile home meets applicable state and federal construction standards.

2. Such trailer or mobile home meets applicable City Building Code standards.

C. Heat-recovery incinerator under conditions specified in Section 24.16.070, subsection G, provided that no lot so used shall be less than two acres in area, or if the lot is an entire block, no less than sixty thousand square feet in area.

D. On-premise business signs, subject to the conditions of Section 24.44.090 F.

Section 49. That Section 24.56.010 is amended to read as follows:

24.56.010 Required conditions

A. All uses permitted in this chapter except those permitted in the M Zone shall be three hundred feet or more from any lot in an R Zone.

(b) The proposed structural revision or alteration will bring the advertising sign into conformity with the provisions of this Section, and

(c) Upon completion of the alterations or structural revisions, the advertising sign will be in full compliance with this Section and all other applicable ordinances of the city.

2. An existing advertising sign may be relocated or reconstructed at a new location if:

(a) The advertising sign was lawfully erected and complies with the development standards of this Section and Chapter 49 of the Seattle Building Code, but is located on a site or in a zone where it is not permitted; and

B. Off-premise signs and billboards shall be subject to the conditions of Section 24.54.010 D, E and F.

Section 50. That Section 24.56.050 is amended to read as follows:

24.56.050 Accessory uses permitted outright.

A. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a permitted principal use except uses prohibited in Section 24.56.100;

B. A house traler or a mobile home used only as watchman's or caretaker's quarters subject to the following conditions:

1. Such trailer or mobile home meets applicable state and federal construction standards.

2. Such trailer or mobile home meets applicable City Building Code standards.

C. On-premise business signs, subject to the conditions of Section 24.44.090 F.

Section 51. That Section 24.58.010 is amended to read as follows:

24.58.010 Required conditions.

A. All uses permitted in this chapter, except those permitted in IG zone, shall be five hundred feet or more from any lot in an R Zone.

B. Off-premise signs and billboards shall be subject to the conditions of Section 24.54.010 D, E and F.

Section 52. That Section 24.58.040 is amended to read as follows:

24.58.040 Accessory uses permitted outright.

The following uses are permitted:

A. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a permitted principal use except uses prohibited in Section 24.58.080;

B. A house trailer or mobile home used only as watchman's or caretaker's quarters subject to the following conditions:

1. Such trailer or mobile home meets applicable state and federal construction standards,

2. Such trailer or mobile home meets applicable City Building Code standards.

C. On-premise business signs subject to the conditions of Section 24.44.090 F.

Section 53. That subsection B of Section 23.76.006 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

23.76.066 Master Use Permit Required

* * *

B. The following decisions are Type I decisions which are nonappealable:

1. Establishment or change of use for uses permitted outright and temporary uses for three (3) weeks or less not otherwise permitted in the zone;

2. The following street use approvals associated with a development proposal;

a. Curb cut for access to parking,

b. Concept approval of street improvements, such as additional on-street parking, street landscaping, curbs and gutters, street drainage, sidewalks, and paving;

3. Lot boundary adjustments;

4. Designation of greenbelt preserves and restored preserves;

5. Modification of the following features bonused under Title 24:

a. Plazas,

b. Shopping plazas,

c. Arcades,

d. Shopping arcades,

e. Voluntary building setbacks; and

6. Declarations of Significance (determination that an Environmental Impact Statement is required) for Master Use Permits and for building, demolition, grading and other construction permits (supplemental procedures for environmental review are established in Chapter 20.05, SEPA Policies and Procedures).

7. Discretionary exceptions for certain business signs authorized by Section 23.55.42D.

Section 54. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 5th day of May 1986,

and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 5th day of May, 1986.

President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 9th day of MAY 1986.

Acting Mayor.

Filed by me this 9th day of May, 1986.

Attest: Norward J Brooks
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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Deputy Clerk.

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