

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 160276)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by amending Section 14-905, entitled “Non-Accessory Signs”, by adding a new subsection to permit one advertising sign with certain conditions within the area bounded by State Road, the Delaware Expressway (I-95), and Ashburner Street.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 14. ZONING AND PLANNING.

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CHAPTER 14-900. SIGNS.

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§ 14-905. Non-Accessory Signs.

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(16) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Title to the contrary, one (1) free-standing, single-faced non-accessory outdoor advertising sign, mounted to a single support structure, shall be permitted within the area generally bounded by State Road, the Delaware Expressway (I-95), and Ashburner Street, and more particularly within the area rezoned to I-2 Medium Industrial District by Bill No. 160275, provided all of the following are satisfied:

- (a) The area of the sign face shall be no more than twelve hundred (1200) square feet.*
- (b) The back of the sign face shall be constructed so as to conceal structural supports for the sign face.*
- (c) The height of the sign from ground grade to the top of the sign shall not exceed fifty-five feet (55'); nor shall the bottom of the sign face be more than*

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twenty-five feet (25') above the road elevation of the nearest lane of I-95 measured at 90° angle from the single support for the sign structure.

(d) *Internal illumination and digital electronic changeable messages shall be permitted.*

(e) *The sign face shall be oriented facing north on I-95 and thus advertising to southbound traffic.*

(f) *The sign shall be in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter 14-900, except that it need not be in compliance with § 14-905(2) (spacing requirements); § 14-905(4)(a) (area regulations); §14-905(5)(a), (b), (c) (height regulations); § 14-905(10)(m), (n) (distance from park or recreational area); or § 14-905(12)(b)-(f) (permits).*

(g) *A lot on which a non-accessory outdoor advertising sign is erected pursuant to this subsection (16) shall not contain any structures or improvements other than those in place on March 31, 2016, and any improvements necessary for the erection and maintenance of the sign, and subdivision shall not be permitted so long as such sign remains on the lot.*

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on June 16, 2016. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on September 6, 2016.



Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk of the City Council