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Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Chapter 919, Signs, by making various changes in Sections 919.03M.7 and 919.03M.4.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Chapter 919, Signs, Section 919.03.M.7 - GT and DR Zoning Districts, is hereby amended as follows:

919.03.M.7 - GT and DR Zoning Districts
In the GT and DR Zoning Districts

- (a) Wall mounted signs, except for public destination facilities, are permitted provided that;
- (i) The total face area shall not exceed two (2) square feet of sign face area for each lineal foot of building wall width to a maximum of eighty (80) square feet and shall be mounted no higher than forty (40) feet above grade ~~except where expressly permitted.~~
- (ii) For buildings with multi-commercial tenants on the first and second floors one (1) additional tenant business or identification sign shall be permitted per tenant identifying the name of the tenant or business, the total face area of which shall not exceed two (2) square feet of sign face area for each lineal foot of tenant frontage to a maximum of eighty (80) square feet per sign on each wall or façade and shall be mounted no higher than the second floor above grade.
- (iii) Tenant signs are to be located within the façade area of the tenant. Maximum letter height on all wall signs below forty (40) feet above grade shall be four (4) feet.
- (b) For public destination facilities, the total face area of wall mounted signs below forty (40) feet shall not exceed a total of three (3) percent of exposed building façade area or a maximum of two hundred (200) square feet per façade, whichever is smaller, shall permit electronic identification signs with no motion or animation, and shall be subject to design review and approval by the City Planning Commission.

~~[(c) Only the name of the building or business shall be (c) mounted higher than forty (40) feet above grade and may face in all directions but shall not be roof mounted nor project above the roof peak or parapet wall, shall not exceed in face area forty (40) square feet or two (2) percent of exposed façade area whichever is larger, shall be limited to four (4) per building, shall include no motion or animation, shall~~

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~~not exceed a luminance of two thousand five hundred (2,500) nits during daylight hours between sunrise and sunset, shall not exceed a luminance of two hundred fifty (250) nits at all other times, shall permit electronic illumination with no motion or animation, and shall be subject to design review and approval by the City Planning Commission. All applications shall include certification that the sign will comply with luminance level standards at the time of application and must certify again that the sign is operating in compliance with the standards prior to issuance of an occupancy permit.~~

~~(e) New signs mounted higher than forty (40) feet shall not be permitted, with the exception that any project having received final Project Development Plan approval on or before July 16, 2013 shall comply with the procedures for wall mounted signs in place as of July 15, 2013.~~

~~(c) Only the name of the building or business shall be mounted higher than forty (40) feet above grade and may face in all directions but shall not be roof mounted nor project above the roof peak or parapet wall, shall not exceed in face area forty (40) square feet or two (2) percent of exposed façade area whichever is larger, shall be limited to four (4) per building, shall include no motion or animation, shall not exceed a luminance of two thousand five hundred (2,500) nits during daylight hours between sunrise and sunset, shall not exceed a luminance of two hundred fifty (250) nits at all other times, shall permit electronic illumination with no motion or animation, and shall be subject to design review, approval by the City Planning Commission and approval by City Council. Off-Site Advertising Signs are strictly prohibited. All applications shall include certification that the sign will comply with luminance level standards at the time of application and must certify again that the sign is operating in compliance with the standards prior to issuance of an occupancy permit. Upon determining that an application is complete, the Zoning Administrator shall provide notice of said application to City Council. Any project having received final Project Development Plan approval on or before July 16, 2013 shall comply with the procedures for wall mounted signs in place as of July 15, 2013.~~

Section 2. The Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Chapter 919, Signs, Section 919.03.M.4 - HC Districts, is hereby amended as follows:

919.03.M.4 - HC Districts

In the HC Zoning districts:

(a) Wall mounted signs are permitted provided that the total face area attached to a wall shall not exceed two (2) square feet of sign face area for each lineal foot of building wall width to maximum of eighty (80) square feet, and shall be mounted no higher than forty (40) feet above grade ~~[except where expressly permitted.]~~

Note: All else in this section remains unchanged.