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Sponsor(s):	Mell, Richard F. (33)
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Title:	Amendment of Titles 13 and 17 of Municipal Code to further regulate nonconforming signs
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 13-96-085 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, as follows:

13-96-085 Replacement of certain non-conforming signs.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the code to the contrary, a legally established and lawfully permitted non-conforming off-premise sign may be replaced and such replacement shall not affect the legal status of the sign or sign structure as non-conforming if:

- (1) the owner of a lot on which a non-conforming off-premise sign and sign structure is located is replacing the sign and sign structure solely for the purpose of entering into a contract with a new sign permittee;
- (2) the replacement of the sign and sign structure is completed within 6 months of the termination of the contract with the sign permittee; provided that if a building permit is required for the construction of a new sign structure, the owner shall have until the expiration of the term of the building permit to erect the replacement sign structure;
- (3) the replacement sign and sign structure are no larger or higher in size, area and height and have the same placement and configuration of the original sign and sign structure; and
- (4) the replacement sign is the same type of sign as the original sign and does not incorporate any new or different technological elements.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(e) The replacement of any non-conforming sign or sign structure is not authorized under this section if the replacement of such non-conforming sign or sign structure violates or is in contravention of any federal or state law, and nothing in this section shall be deemed as authorizing such replacement.

SECTION 2. Section 17-17-0503 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, as follows:

17-15-0503 Continuation of Nonconforming Signs. Nonconforming signs may remain in use, subject to the regulations of this section (Sec. 17-15-0500) and all other applicable requirements of the Municipal Code. Nonconforming signs must be maintained in good repair, and must comply with all other requirements of this Zoning Ordinance.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the code to the contrary, a legally established and lawfully permitted non-conforming off-premise sign may be replaced and such replacement shall not affect the legal status of the sign or sign structure as non-conforming if:

- (a) the owner of a lot on which a non-conforming off-premise sign and sign structure is located is replacing the sign and sign structure solely for the purpose of entering into a contract with a new sign permittee;
- (b) the replacement of the sign and sign structure is completed within 6 months of the termination of the contract with the sign permittee; provided that if a building

permit is required for the construction of a new sign structure, the owner shall have until the expiration of the term of the building permit to erect the replacement sign structure;

(c) the replacement sign and sign structure are no larger or higher in size, area and height and have the same placement and configuration of the original sign and sign structure;

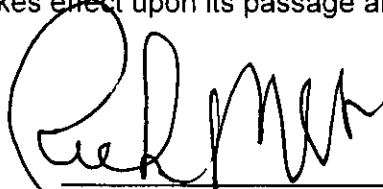
(d) the replacement sign is the same type of sign as the original sign and does not incorporate any new or different technological elements; and

(e) the owner of the lot has registered the sign and sign structure with the commissioner of buildings in compliance with section 13-96-085.

The replacement sign and sign structure shall comply with all other applicable requirements for non-conforming signs.

The replacement of any non-conforming sign or sign structure is not authorized under this section if the replacement of such non-conforming sign or sign structure violates or is in contravention of any federal or state law, and nothing in this section shall be deemed as authorizing such replacement.

SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect upon its passage and approval.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard F. Mell', written over a horizontal line.

Richard F. Mell
Alderman, 33rd Ward