

Petition #: 2012-064

Petitioner: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A
OF THE CITY CODE - ZONING ORDINANCE

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

Section 1. Appendix A, "Zoning" of the Code of the City of Charlotte is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 13: SIGNS

1. Amend Section 13.102 by adding a new definition for *advertising signs on passenger rail platforms*, in alphabetic order, that reads as follows:

Advertising Signs on Passenger Rail Platforms.

A sign that is located on a passenger rail platform that directs attention to a business commodity, service, or establishment conducted, sold or offered either on or off of the premises on which the sign is erected.

2. Amend Section 13.102 by adding a new definition for *passenger rail station*, in alphabetic order, that reads as follows:

Passenger rail station.

Real property used for the embarkation/disembarkation of rail passengers that is dedicated exclusively to rail transportation use.

3. Amend Section 13.102 by adding a new definition for *passenger rail platform*, in alphabetic order, that reads as follows:

Passenger rail platform.

The area of a passenger rail station that is improved with a floor or deck and that is intended for the use of rail passengers to await, and enter/exit rail vehicles. The platform includes any wall, fence, rail ballast or other structures on it or constituting the platform perimeter, but does not include any walkways, sidewalks or other means of ingress/egress to and from the passenger rail platform.

4. Amend Section 13.110 to add a new Sub-Section 13.110(7) to read as follows:

(7) Advertising Signs on Passenger Rail Platforms.

In consideration of the purposes set forth in Sections 1.102 and 13.101 of this code, as well as the emerging and future potential of rail passenger transportation and the character, nature, and use of the corridors dedicated to such exclusive rail use and purposes, including the needs and expectations of such rail passengers, the following standards shall apply:

No advertising sign shall be allowed on a passenger rail platform without an approved sign plan and without a permit first being issued for each sign, in accordance with the standards and regulations listed in Table 13-110(7a)

TABLE 13.110 (7a)

<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Advertising signs on Passenger Rail Platforms</u>
<u>Passenger Rail Platform (PRP) Sign Plan</u>	<u>Each PRP must have a sign plan approved by the Planning Director prior to the issuance of a permit.</u>
<u>Permit Required.</u>	<u>Each Sign Face requires a permit.</u>
<u>Location</u>	<u>Passenger Rail Platforms (PRP) only.</u>
<u>Sign Face Placement and Orientation</u>	<u>All sign faces must be at least 4 feet apart (except on approved 2 sided signs) and oriented so as to make the sign content not discernible from any public street and to not interfere with any public art work.</u>
<u>Maximum Sign Face Area</u>	<u>30 square feet.</u>
<u>Maximum Height</u>	<u>3.5 feet, measured from platform floor, bottom of the sign or fence post, or ballast to top of sign.</u>
<u>Number of Sign Faces Permitted</u>	<u>6 per PRP. The Planning Director may allow up to 8 if consistent with approved sign plan.</u>
<u>Sign Type/Anchoring</u>	<u>Sign may be free standing if anchored to PRP or may be attached to a platform wall or fence (1 sided with back side of frame black) only.</u>
<u>Limitations</u>	<u>No flashing signs, embellishments, electronic or digital images allowed.</u>
<u>Illumination</u>	<u>None allowed.</u>

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

I, _____ City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the _____ day of _____, 20____, the reference having been made in Minute Book _____, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book _____, Page(s)_____.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the _____ day of _____, 20__.
