

500.D Historic Signs

1. Historic Sign Permit

- a. An Historic Sign Permit shall be issued for:
 - i. All signs designated as an Historic Resource on the Local Register; and
 - ii. Any sign determined to be important to or a contributing feature of an Historic Resource or Local Landmark by the Historic Preservation Commission.
- b. An Historic Sign Permit shall document:
 - i. Parties responsible for ownership and maintenance; and
 - ii. Location of the sign on the lot; and
 - iii. Condition of the sign, including but not limited to its materials (neon, wood, etc.), manner (age, location, dimensions, illumination, etc.); and
 - iv. Other information relevant to the sign.
- c. An Historic Sign Permit shall be revoked by the Planning Director upon a finding that one of the following has occurred:
 - i. The sign's Historic Resource designation has been revoked; or
 - ii. The sign has been altered in a manner that results in it no longer being important to or a contributing feature of an Historic Resource or Local Landmark.

2. Historic Sign Standards

- a. Maintenance shall be consistent with Maintenance Section XX of this Article.
- b. Alteration or demolition of an Historic Sign shall comply with Section 111 and Section 112.
- c. Permitted Historic Signs shall be excluded from maximum allowable area of signs.

Proposed Definitions

Abandoned Sign.

- a. A sign, nonconforming or conforming, which is not an Eligible Resource, Historic Sign, Obsolete Sign or Ghost Sign, which no longer identifies or advertises an ongoing business, product, location, service, idea, or activity conducted on the premises where the sign is located, or
- b. Any sign identifying a business, product, profession, commodity, service, or activity on the premises that is vacant, unoccupied, or discontinued for a minimum period of six (6) months, or
- c. Any sign that pertains to an event or purpose that no longer applies, or for which no legal owner can be found.

Ghost Sign. A hand-painted sign on a building that is at least 25 years old, has been preserved for an extended period of time, and may be an Eligible Resource or historic in nature

Historic Sign. A sign designated as having historical significance and which meets criteria for an Historic Resource. A designated Historic Sign shall have a valid Historic Sign Permit.

Obsolete Sign. A sign which may or may not be applicable to the building or use where it is located and that may be an Eligible Resource or historic in nature.