

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 24-023 As Amended

Brief Title (Zoning Wall Signs)

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Mylena P. Di...
Council Administrator

Date 6/18/24

ENROLLED

Robert Vincent
Council President

Date _____

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 24-021

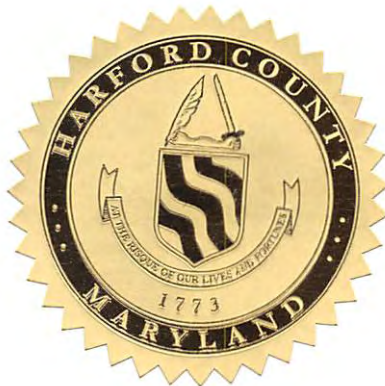
Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Mylena P. Di...
Council Administrator

Scaled with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 20th
Day of June 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Mylena P. Di...
Council Administrator



BY THE EXECUTIVE

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date _____

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill No. 24-023 As Amended having received neither the approval nor disapproval of the Executive within twenty-one (21) days of presentation, becomes law on July 11, 2024.

EFFECTIVE] September 9, 2024

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 24-023 (As Amended)

Introduced by Council President Vincenti

Legislative Day No. 24-023 Date May 21, 2024

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection B(3), Wall signs, of Section 267-33, Signs, of Article V, Supplementary Regulations, of Part I, Standards, of Chapter 267, Zoning of the Harford County Code, as amended; to permit electric message boards as wall signs in certain zoning districts, to restrict the size of the electronic message boards as wall signs, and generally relating to zoning.

By the Council, May 21, 2024

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled:

on: June 11, 2024

at: 6:00 PM

By Order: *Mykia A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on June 11, 2024, and concluded on June 11, 2024.

Mykia A. Dixon, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Subsection B(3), Wall signs, of Section 267-33, Signs, of Article V, Supplementary Regulations, of Part I, Standards, of Chapter 267, Zoning of the Harford County Code, as amended; be, and it is hereby, repealed and reenacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:

Chapter 267. Zoning

Part 1. Standards

Article V. Supplementary Regulations

§267-33. Signs

B. General provisions. Signage shall be constructed in an unobtrusive manner which compliments the architectural elements of quality, style, color and material of the building, and the architectural period of the building(s). The following broad categories of sign types are regulated by this section unless otherwise provided herein:

(3) Wall signs. Wall signs shall include all flat signs which are placed against a building or other structure and attached to the exterior front, rear or side wall of any building or other structure. Flat wall mounted signs may be located on any wall of a building and may extend not more than 8 feet above the parapet wall or roofline of the building to which they are attached. However, no window, or part of a window, shall be covered by the sign area or its supporting structure. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR HEREIN, ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARDS ARE PERMITTED AS WALL SIGNS IN THE B1, B2, B3, CI, LI AND GI ZONING DISTRICTS. ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARDS SHALL NOT EXCEED 20 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE, AND SHALL DISPLAY ONLY ON-PREMISES MESSAGES, OR TIME AND/OR TEMPERATURE DISPLAYS. AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD SHALL CONSIST ONLY OF ALPHABETIC OR NUMERIC CHARACTERS AND SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY GRAPHIC, PICTORIAL OR

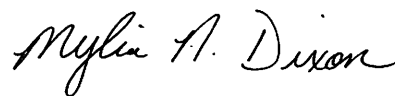
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1 PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES OR VIDEOS. THE APPEARANCE OF ANY ANIMATION,
2 MOTION, FLASHING, BLINKING OR SHIMMERING IS NOT PERMITTED. A SINGLE
3 MESSAGE, OR SEGMENT OF A MESSAGE, SHALL HAVE A DISPLAY TIME OF AT
4 LEAST 2 SECONDS, INCLUDING THE TIME NEEDED TO MOVE THE MESSAGE
5 ONTO THE SIGN BOARD, WITH ALL SEGMENTS OF THE TOTAL MESSAGE TO BE
6 DISPLAYED WITHIN 10 SECONDS. A DISPLAY TRAVELING HORIZONTALLY
7 ACROSS THE MESSAGE BOARD SHALL MOVE BETWEEN 16 AND 32 LIGHT
8 COLUMNS PER SECOND. REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPLAY TIMES DO NOT APPLY
9 TO TIME AND/OR TEMPERATURE DISPLAYS. ONLY ONE ELECTRONIC MESSAGE
10 BOARD SHALL BE PERMITTED ON A PREMISE WHETHER IT BE A FREESTANDING
11 SIGN OR A WALL SIGN.

12 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the
13 date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: September 9, 2024

The Council Administrator does hereby certify that seven (7) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.



Council Administrator