

**CITY OF ANN ARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SIGN GUIDELINES RESOLUTION**

Whereas, The Historic District Commission is authorized by Chapter 8 of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor to develop design guidelines for work within historic districts (per Chapter 8, Section 1:191 Historic district commission, subsection 1(13)); and

Whereas, The Historic District Commission has reviewed existing policies for signs located in historic districts and determined that changes to those policies were desirable and appropriate to safeguard the heritage of the city and foster civic beauty, and were in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation; and

Whereas, The Historic District Commission has produced a Historic District Design Guidelines document that is awaiting City Council adoption; and

Whereas, The Historic District Commission desires to clarify guidelines related to new signs in the Historic District Design Guidelines document; therefore be it

Resolved, The Historic District Commission hereby incorporates the following signage policies in the draft Historic District Design Guidelines document before that document is forwarded to City Council:

1. Existing internally illuminated box signs may be refaced, but once refaced they must cease to be internally illuminated.
2. As internally illuminated signs are removed they may be replaced with externally illuminated signs that receive a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic District Commission.
3. Signs that propose lighting using other methods than light fixtures above or below the sign, such as neon or halo-lighting, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Resolved, That until such time as the Historic District Design Guidelines are adopted by City Council. the Historic District Commission will refer to these guidelines in an advisory capacity. .