

**AMENDING SECTIONS 1191.02 AND 1191.07 OF THE CITY'S
CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGULATING THE AMOUNT OF
PERMITTED SIGNAGE IN BUSINESS STOREFRONT
WINDOWS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Hilliard, Ohio is a home-rule municipality and by the authority of the Constitution of the State of Ohio, is authorized to regulate signage for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, included in the City's sign code is Section 1191.02(gg) which defines window signage and Section 1191.07(d) which regulates the amount of window signage permitted; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend these two code sections in an effort to increase compliance and to provide for more uniform enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes will benefit Hilliard businesses while continuing to maintain high standards for City aesthetics and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hilliard, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Sections 1191.02(gg) and 1191.07(d) of the City's Codified Ordinances are hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated as if fully rewritten herein.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the earliest time provided by law.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Lynne M. Fasone
Clerk of Council

Brett A. Sciotto
President of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

Pamela A. DeDent
Director of Law

Donald J. Schonhardt
Mayor

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Vote:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
President Sciotto			
Vice President Uttley			
Allison			
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EXHIBIT A

Chapter 1191

1191.02(gg) “Window sign” means any permanent or temporary signs, posters, symbols and other types of identification or information about the use or premises directly attached to or painted on the glass part of a door and/or on the window of a building or erected within six feet of a door or window inside the building with a printed side facing the door or window.

1191.07(d) Window Signs. Window signs are defined in Section 1191.02(gg).

(1) A business may have window signs equal to or less than ten percent (10%) of the square footage of all windows for that business (“window area”). Windows in doors that are intended to be used for patronage entrance shall be included in the calculation of window area, but are not included in the ten percent (10%) limitation. Windows in all doors that are not used nor intended to be used for patronage entrance, including but not limited to, bay doors, dock doors, delivery doors and back doors, are excluded in the calculation of window area and window signs are not permitted thereon. In addition, windows made with spandrel glass (or similar non-vision material) are excluded in the calculation of window area. Signs are not permitted on spandrel glass windows.

(2) Signs shall be limited to the ground floor or first floor windows only, unless a use is located in the second or higher stories of a building and the use has no first floor occupancy.

(3) One window sign may be neon-lit, but if so, the lighted portion of the neon sign must fit within an area no greater than two (2) square feet in size.