Chapter 13 -- SIGNS*

Sec. 13-1. Definition.

The word "signs," shall be construed to mean and shall include any and all contrivances, projectors, frameworks or fixtures, illuminated or otherwise, in the form of, or upon which there may be, one or more letters, words, models, signs, devices, designs or representations, whether used for advertisements, announcements, or direction.

Sec. 13-2. Projecting; regulations.

No sign hereafter erected, constructed, reconstructed or materially altered, shall extend more than three (3) feet beyond the street line. No sign shall be less than ten (10) feet in the clear above the level of the sidewalk beneath said sign.

Sec. 13-3. Electric signs; antistatic devices mandatory.

All flashlight or intermittent electric signs must be equipped with radio interference eliminators approved by the wiring inspector.

Sec. 13-4. Electric signs; standards; inspections.

All illuminated signs, including all supports and braces, shall be constructed of metal and glass or other noncombustible material, shall be supported entirely and securely from the building and shall be so constructed as not to be or become a source of danger to persons or property under plans approved by the building inspector. Any electric wiring for the same shall be so designed and executed as to meet the approval of the inspector of wiring of the city.

Sec. 13-5. Permit required; removal of certain signs required.

No sign shall be erected unless a permit for the same shall have been issued as hereinafter provided by the board of aldermen or council. Any sign may be ordered removed whenever in the opinion of the council, public necessity, safety or convenience requires such removal and the same shall be at the owner's expense.

Sec. 13-6. Application for permit; requirements.

Prior to the erection of any sign, the applicant shall file with the building inspector an application to the council for a permit to erect such sign, such application to be made on proper blanks to be furnished by the clerk, and shall file such application with plans and statements of the proposed sign including the method of attachment of the same to the building with the approval of the building inspector. The application shall set forth the full name and residence and business of the owner of the building upon which the said sign is to be erected; the name and address of the party erecting the sign and such other information as may be required by the building inspector. The approval of said plans by the building inspector having been filed, the council may grant a permit for the erection and maintenance of such sign according to the plans so approved and the
clerk shall then issue such permit to the applicant.

Sec. 13-7. Violation; penalty.

Any person who shall erect any sign contrary to the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty of not more than fifty dollars ($50.00) for each offense and any person who shall maintain any sign contrary to the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty of not more than ten dollars ($10.00) for each day or part of a day. The same shall be maintained and each day or part of a day on which violation of this chapter is continued shall be considered a single and separate offense.