

Change of Zone 06032

ORDINANCE NO. _____

1 AN ORDINANCE amending Section 27.69.300 of the Lincoln Municipal Code
 2 relating to Special Sign Districts to allow occupants in areas designated blighted and substandard
 3 which is being redeveloped pursuant to an approved Redevelopment Plan to petition for the creation
 4 of a special sign district; and repealing Section 27.69.300 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto
 5 existing.

6 BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

7 Section 1. That Section 27.69.300 of the Lincoln Municipal Code be amended to
 8 read as follows:

9 **27.69.300 Other Permitted Signs; Nonresidential; Special Sign District.**

10 (a) In any nonresidential district, occupants of sixty percent or more of the street frontage
 11 of any block face may petition the City Council for the formation of a special sign district for the
 12 purpose of defining an area of particular historical, ethnic, cultural, or entertainment atmosphere;
 13 or for defining an area with a special or unique theme; or for defining an area in which the City has
 14 undertaken a program for the redevelopment of blighted and substandard areas pursuant to an
 15 approved Redevelopment Plan. Said merchants shall present proposed sign criteria to the City
 16 Council according to the procedure established for a zoning amendment. Such petition shall include
 17 specific sign regulations for the special sign district which may be more or less restrictive than the
 18 underlying district.

19 (b) In any nonresidential district designated by the City Council as a landmark district
 20 in accordance with Section 27.57.120, the Planning Director may petition the City Council to create
 21 a special sign district. Such petition shall include specific sign regulations for the district which may
 22 be more or less restrictive than the underlying zoning district. A special sign district shall not be
 23 designated if written protests are made by the record owners of over fifty percent of the included

1 properties, excluding public right-of-way, at or prior to the public hearing by the City Council on
2 the designation.

3 Before designating an area within a nonresidential landmark district as a special sign district
4 and adopting specific sign regulations for such district, the City Council shall refer the petition to
5 the Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission shall hold a public
6 hearing on such petition, and thereafter shall make its recommendation regarding approval, dis-
7 approval, or modification of the petition, and the proposed sign regulations. The petition shall then
8 be transmitted to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission shall consider the petition
9 at a public hearing and thereafter shall make a report to the City Council recommending approval,
10 disapproval, or modification of the petition and the proposed sign regulations.

11 After receiving the recommendation and report of the Historic Preservation Commission and
12 the Planning Commission, the City Council shall proceed to give final consideration to the petition
13 and the proposed sign regulations.

14 Section 2. That Section 27.69.300 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing
15 be and the same is hereby repealed.

16 Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 passage and publication according to law.

Introduced by:

Approved as to Form & Legality:

City Attorney

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2006:

Mayor