DENVER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM
FOR CPD INTERNAL PROPOSALS TO THE 2016 DENVER BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS AND THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL CODES

2018 CODE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

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AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Please provide all of the following items in your amendment proposal.

**Code Sections/Tables/ Figures Proposed for Revision:**
IBC- DBC Appendix H

*Note: If the proposal is for a new section, indicate (new).*

**Proposal:**

Amend as shown below:

**APPENDIX H**

**SIGNS**

**[Z] SECTION H101 GENERAL**

**[Z] Section H101.1 General is amended by adding the following sentences:**

The sign regulations contained in the Denver Zoning Sign Code (59-527) / Denver Zoning Code, Section 10.10 are applicable and shall be satisfied. Where there is a difference or conflict between the requirements in this Appendix and the Zoning Sign Code, the most restrictive shall govern.

**SECTION H101.1.1 COORDINATION WITH ZONING CODE is added**

**Section H101.1.1 Coordination with Zoning Code.** The provisions of this appendix, including definitions used herein, are specific to the application of this Code and appurtenant references. The Denver Zoning Code (DZC) contains independent requirements for signs that apply in addition to this Code. If a sign is exempt from a permit in the Building Code, a zoning permit may still be required based
on regulations in the DZC. If a sign is exempt from a permit in the DZC, a building permit may still be required based on regulations in this Code. Where there is a conflict between the requirements of this Code and the Denver Zoning Code, the most restrictive criteria shall govern.

[Z] Section H101.2 Signs exempt from permits is amended by adding the following to Exemptions 2 and 4:

2. Temporary signs announcing the sale or rent of property. See the 2010 Denver Zoning Code (DZC), Section 10.10.3.1.G.
4. Projecting signs not exceeding 2.5 square feet (0.23 m²). The Zoning Sign Code Sections 59.537(e)(3) 7. & Section 59.554(d) allows projecting signs only in the B 5, B 7 & B 8 A Zone Districts and per DZC, Section 10.10. They must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Office.

[Z] SECTION H102 DEFINITIONS

[Z] Section H102.1 General is amended by adding, and/or, replacing the definitions stated in the 2015 IBC, Appendix Chapter H with the following definitions:

DISPLAY-SURFACE...DISPLAY-FACE. The area made available by the sign structure for the purpose of displaying the message. Zoning Sign Code DZC Section 13.3 and 59-2 (20).

GROUND-SIGN. A sign supported by one or more uprights, poles or braces extending from the ground or an object in or on the ground but not attached to any part of any building. Zoning Sign Code DZC, Section 13.3.

POLE-SIGN. See Ground Sign. Zoning Sign Code defines a Pole Sign as a Ground Sign per Section 13.3 and 59-2 (123).

PORTABLE-SIGN. A sign that is not permanently affixed to building, structure or the ground. Zoning Sign Code DZC, Section 13.3 and 59-2 (207).

NOTE: City Council passed Ord. No. 852-92 on 11/27/92 which added the following language to Section 59-537 (a) of the Zoning Sign Code: All portable signs regardless of location are specifically not allowed.

PROJECTING-SIGN. A sign or graphic, other than a wall sign, that is attached to and projects from the wall, soffit, or eave of a building, is not in the same plane as the wall, soffit, or eave to which it is attached, and identifies a use within that building. Zoning Sign Code DZC, Section 13.3 and 59-2 (215).

ROOF-SIGN. Reference Zoning Sign Code DZC, Section 13.3 Roof Sign and 59-2 (246): A sign attached to the roof of a building which sign projects above the highest point of the roof of the building or the roof of that portion of the building to which it is attached.

SIGN. Reference Zoning Sign Code DZC, Section 13.3 and 59-2 (269): Sign: A sign is any object or device or part thereof situated outdoors or indoors which is used to advertise or identify an object, person, institution, organization, business, product, service, event or location by any means including words, letters, figures, designs, symbols, fixtures, colors, motion illumination or projected images. Signs do not include the following:

Flags of nations, or an organization of nations, states and cities, fraternal, religious and civic organizations;
Merchandise, pictures or models of products or services incorporated in a window display;
Time and temperature devices not related to a product;
National, state, religious, fraternal, professional and civic symbols or crests;
Works of art which in no way identify a product.

SIGN-STRUCTURE. Reference Zoning Sign Code Section 59.2 (281): Structure: Anything which is constructed or erected and the use of which requires more or less permanent location on ground or attachment to something having permanent location on ground, not however, including wheels; an edifice or a building of any kind, any production or piece of work, artificially built up or composed of parts and joined together in some definite manner.

WALL-SIGN. Reference Zoning Sign Code DZC, Section 13.3 and 59-2 (317): Wall Sign: A sign attached to, painted on or erected against a wall, fascia, parapet wall or pitched roof of a building or structure, and no part of which sign projects above the highest point of the roof and whose display surface is parallel to and extends not more than twenty four (24) inches from the wall to which it is attached and extends not more than eight (8) inches from the fascia to which it is attached or, if attached to a pitched roof, the bottom of its display surface does not extend more than six (6) inches vertically from the roof surface and the top of its display surface does not extend more than forty eight (48) inches horizontally from the roof surface.

BILLBOARD. See Outdoor General Advertising Device.
ILLUMINATED SIGN. Illuminated Sign: A sign lighted by or exposed to artificial lighting either by lights on the sign or directed towards the sign. Zoning Sign Code DZC, Section 13.3 and 59-2 (145).

NOTE: Illuminated Signs are not allowed to flash, blink or fluctuate.

OUTDOOR GENERAL ADVERTISING DEVICE (BILLBOARD). A Ground Sign relating to products, services or uses not on the same zone lot. Zoning Sign Code DZC, Section 13.3 and 59-2 (185).

SECTION H14 PORTABLE SIGNS is deleted in its entirety.

Supporting Information:

Purpose: Recognize and keep separate the Building Code and Zoning Code definitions of various types of signs.

Reasons: In Appx H, there are 11 definitions for signs and in the DZC there are at least two-dozen definitions relating to ‘signs’. This amendment recognizes that Building Code and/or Zoning Code reviews are required for signage, and allows those separate teams to review and permit scope related to them – as opposed to intermingling and confusing Building and Zoning code language as was done previously. Because building department reviewers do not enforce code related to Zoning Code definitions, there is no need to modify or reprint Zoning Code definitions for signs in this appendix.

Note: The following items are required to be included:

Purpose: The proponent shall clearly state the purpose of the proposed amendment to physical, environmental and customary characteristics that are specific to the City and County of Denver (e.g., clarify the Code; revise outdated material; substitute new or revised material for physical, environmental and customary characteristics; add new requirements to the Code; delete current requirements, etc.)

Reasons: The proponent shall justify changing the current Code provisions, stating why the proposal is necessary to reflect physical, environmental and customary characteristics that are specific to the City and County of Denver. Proposals that add or delete requirements shall be supported by a logical explanation which clearly shows why the current does not reflect physical, environmental and customary characteristics that are specific to the City and County of Denver and explains how such proposals will improve the Code.

Substantiation: The proponent shall substantiate the proposed amendment based on technical information and substantiation. Substantiation provided which is reviewed and determined as not germane to the technical issues addressed in the proposed amendment shall be identified as such.

Bibliography (as needed): The proponent shall submit a bibliography when substantiating material is associated with the amendment proposal. The proponent shall make the substantiating materials available for review.

Referenced Standards:

Denver Zoning Code

List any new referenced standards that are proposed to be referenced in the code.

Impact:

Note: The proponent shall discuss the impact of the proposed amendment and indicate one of the following for each point below regarding the amendment proposal:

- The effect of the amendment proposal on the cost of construction; ☐ Increase ☐ Reduce ☒ No Effect
- The effect of the amendment proposal on the cost of design; ☐ Increase ☐ Reduce ☒ No Effect
- Is the amendment proposal more- or less-restrictive than the I-Codes; ☐ More ☐ Less ☒ Same

Departmental Impact:

This reference will be very helpful to Plan reviewers by cross-referencing critical provisions of Chapter 14 of the IBC.
**Note:** The proponent shall discuss the impact of the proposed amendment and indicate one of the following for each point below regarding the amendment proposal:

- **The effect of the amendment proposal on the cost of review:**
  - Increase
  - Reduce
  - No Effect

- **The effect of the amendment proposal on the cost of enforcement/inspection:**
  - Increase
  - Reduce
  - No Effect