

Amendment to Council Bill No. 56 - 2010

BY: Chairperson at the request
of the County Executive

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Amendment No. 9

(This amendment clarifies requirements for design compatibility in Downtown Columbia.)

1 On page 3, in line 12, insert:

2 “By adding new Section 3.516 “Signs in Downtown Columbia; Compliance and
3 compatibility” to:

4 Title 3 – Buildings

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6 By renumbering current Section 3.516 “Severability” to be Section 3.517 “Severability”
7 of:

8 Title 3 – Buildings

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10 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
11 Section 3.516 “Severability” is renumbered to be Section 3.517 “Severability”.

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13 On page 17, in line 25 insert:

14 “SECTION 3.516. SIGNS IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA; COMPLIANCE AND COMPATIBILITY.

15 (A) DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION. A SIGN PROPOSED TO BE PLACED ON PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AN
16 APPROVED DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SHALL COMPLY WITH THIS
17 SUBTITLE AND WITH PLANNING BOARD APPROVED DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN
18 GUIDELINES FOR SIGNAGE AS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
19 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING.

20 (B) OTHER PROPERTIES IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA. A SIGN PROPOSED TO BE PLACED ON PROPERTY
21 IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO A DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION FINAL
22 DEVELOPMENT PLAN SHALL COMPLY WITH THIS SUBTITLE AND SHALL BE COMPATIBLE IN FORM,
23 PROPORTION, SCALE, COLOR, MATERIALS, SURFACE TREATMENT, OVERALL SIGN SIZE, AND THE SIZE
24 AND STYLE OF THE LETTERING WITH THE SURROUNDING STREETScape, ADJACENT STRUCTURES,

1 AND THE GOALS OF DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION. SUCH COMPATIBILITY DETERMINATION SHALL
2 BE MADE BY THE DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 PLANNING AND ZONING WITH REFERENCE TO THE DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA DOWNTOWN-WIDE
4 DESIGN GUIDELINES AND ANY EXISTING DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR
5 SIGNAGE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN WHICH THE SIGN IS TO BE PLACED.”.

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7 On page 17, in line 26, strike “2” and substitute “3”.