

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Chapter 4-4 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding a new Section 4-4-315, as follows:

4-4-315 Window restrictions.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no more than twenty-five percent of public-facing window space of any business licensed under Title 4 of this Code may be obstructed by one or more signs. For purposes of this section, public-facing windows shall include any windows that can be seen from the public way. Windows shall be considered obstructed if a sign is affixed to either the interior or exterior of a public-facing window. For purposes of this section, the term “sign” shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 13-20-510.

(b) Any business licensed under Title 4 of this Code shall obtain a sign permit as required by Section 13-20-550 of this Code for any sign to be placed in a public-facing window of such business and must comply with the window coverage requirements provided under Section 17-12-1003-E of this Code.

(c) Any business that fails to obtain a sign permit as required by Section 13-20-550 of this Code for a sign to be placed in a public-facing window of such business shall be in violation of this section.

(d) Any business in violation of the window coverage requirements under Section 17-12-1003-E of this Code shall be in violation of this section.

(e) Signs exclusively listing the hours of operation and signs required under Title 4 or Title 7 of this Code shall not be counted towards the amount of public-facing window that is obstructed.

(f) All public-facing windows must be clear and non-reflective such that they allow views of indoor commercial space or product display areas from the public way. This subsection (f) shall not apply to children’s services facilities licensed under Chapter 4-75 of this Code.

(g) In addition to the Commissioner, the Department of Buildings and the Chicago Police Department are authorized to enforce this section.

(h) Any person who violates this section shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

SECTION 2. Section 17-12-1000 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance.)

17-12-1003 Number, Area and Height Standards.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance.)

17-12-1003-E Sign Area and Height Table. The following standards apply to all permanent signs in B, C, M, DC, DX and DS districts:

Regulation	B1, B2 Districts	DC, DX Districts	B3, C1, C3, DS Districts	C2, M Districts
Maximum Total Sign Area (square feet)	3 × street frontage or 600 whichever is less	5 × street frontage or 800 whichever is less	4 × street frontage or 1,500 whichever is less	5 × street frontage or 1,800 whichever is less
For lots greater than 1 acre in area with multiple street frontages, the Maximum Total Sign Area standards of this section shall apply per <i>street</i> frontage.				
Max. Freestanding Sign Area	50% of Maximum Total Sign Area Limit (above)			
Maximum Freestanding Sign Height (feet)	24; or 35 if located on a <i>zoning lot</i> with more than 75 feet of street frontage on a single <i>street</i> that has a right-of-way width of more than 80 feet; or 50 feet if located on a <i>zoning lot</i> with more than 150 feet of frontage on a single <i>street</i> with a right-of-way width or more than 80 feet			
Minimum Guaranteed Wall Sign Area for Ground-floor Tenants	32			
Maximum Wall Sign Area	33% of <i>building</i> wall area; <u>buildings no more than two stories above grade are prohibited from including window glazing area in <i>building</i> wall area</u>			
<u>Maximum Single Window Coverage Area</u>	<u>25% of the glazing area</u>			

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance.)

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this ordinance shall take full force and effect after passage and publication. Section 2 of this ordinance shall take full force and effect 90 days after passage and publication.