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# CITY OF NEWTON

## Planning and Development Board

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To: The Honorable City Council President, Susan Albright  
City of Newton  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

CC: Honorable Newton City Councilors  
Planning & Development Board

**RE: #279-22, Request for amendment to the Zoning Code to regulate certain signage**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting amendments to the City of Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30, Section 5.2 Signs regarding regulation of noncommercial signs.

Dear Honorable Council President Albright:

The Planning and Development Board reviewed the proposal under Docket Item 279-22, "Request for amendment to the Zoning Code to regulate certain signage" at the joint public hearing and discussion with the Zoning and Planning Committee on June 13, 2022.

As part of this discussion Councilor Krintzman made a motion to amend the language proposed by the Planning Department. The amendment would strike Section 5.2.6.B.6.A from the text governing noncommercial signs, which states the following "The face of the sign shall be no higher than and no wider than 3 feet." The Zoning and Planning Committee voted in favor of adopting this amendment. The Committee then voted in favor of recommending the docket item as amended to City Council for adoption.

After discussing the amendment proposed by Councilor Krintzman, Planning and Development Board Chair Doeringer asked if any Board member would like to make a similar motion to amend the Planning Department's proposed text. No member made a motion to include that revision. Upon a motion by Ms. Molinsky and approved 5-0-1 with Director Heath abstaining, the Board voted in favor of recommending the approval of the Law and Planning Department's recommended amended language.



Peter B. Doeringer, Chair