

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**  
**Planning and Development Services Department**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** PDSO Customers

**FROM:** Roderick J. Sanchez, Director and Building Official

**DATE:** August 18, 2009

**FILE:** Code Interpretations Manual

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**INTERPRETATION NUMBER:** CI2009-005

**TITLE:** Replacing/Adding Cabinets on Non-Conforming On Premise Signs

**CODE/EDITION:** Chapter 28 City Code "Signs and Billboards"

**SECTION(S):** Definitions  
Article IX. Section 28-245

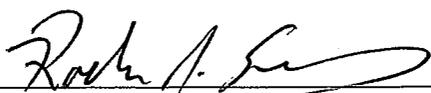
**PURPOSE:** To clarify the extent and scope of work allowed on non-conforming on-premise signs.

**QUESTION:** Is it permissible to replace a sign cabinet on a non-conforming on-premise sign?

**ANSWER:** No. However, when an on-premise sign is considered to be non-conforming due to height only; a sign cabinet located under the allowable height could be replaced provided the replacement cabinet did not cause the sign to exceed the allowable advertising area or otherwise cause the sign to be considered non-conforming for reasons other than height only.

**QUESTION:** Is it permissible to add a sign cabinet on a non-conforming on-premise sign?

**ANSWER:** No. However, when an on-premise sign is considered to be non-conforming due to height only; a sign cabinet located at or under the allowable height for the street classification could be added provided the new sign cabinet did not cause the sign to exceed the allowable advertising area or otherwise cause the sign to be considered non-conforming for reasons other than height only.

  
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