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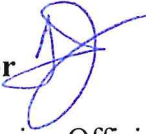
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ZONING INTERPRETATION MEMORANDUM
Memorandum Z-22-01

DATE: **March 14, 2022**

FROM: **Tammie Jackson, Director**



BY: Ashley J. Becnel, Chief Zoning Official

RE: Classic Sign Designation Pursuant to Section 24.15 *Classic Signs*, Revised

Upon further review and consideration of the text of the CZO, the Director is issuing this Zoning Interpretation Memorandum to revise the interpretation of CZO 24.15 set forth in Zoning Interpretation Memorandum Z-16-02. That memorandum stated that a text amendment was required in order to designate a sign as a classic sign under the CZO. The current Director disagrees.

CZO 24.15(B) reads as follows:

1. An application for classic sign status shall include plans for sign maintenance, renovation, or possible reconstruction. A classic sign application may also be submitted by the Historic District Landmarks Commission, City Council, or City Planning Commission.
2. Application for classic sign status shall be made to the Historic District Landmarks Commission, who will schedule a public hearing, where the applicant presents classic sign recommendations to the Historic District Landmarks Commission.
3. The Historic District Landmarks Commission may approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days of the public hearing.
4. The applicant may appeal a decision of the Historic District Landmarks Commission to the City Council within thirty (30) days of notification of the decision.

The Director believes that the language is clear - application for classic sign recognition is to be made to the HDLC, and it is up to that body to approve or deny the application. The list of classic signs provided in CZO 24.15(D) is illustrative and is included in the CZO to denote which signs were considered classic without this application procedure at the time the CZO was adopted. This



list should be updated periodically to add other signs approved through the process set forth in CZO 24.15(B) as a matter of convenience, clarity, and best practice, but amending the text to include a classic sign that has been approved by the HDLC is not a required part of the classic sign designation process. To the extent that Z-16-02 conflicts with this interpretation, it is superseded by this Memorandum.

The portion of Z-16-02 that clarifies that signs seeking classic status within the boundaries of the Vieux Carré Commission or the Central Business District Historic Districts Landmark Commission should apply to that body rather than the HDLC for approval is reaffirmed by this Memorandum.