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ZONING INTERPRETATION MEMORANDUM

Memorandum Z-16-02

DATE: November 4, 2016

FROM: Jared E. Munster, Ph.D., Director

RE: Classic Sign Designation pursuant to Section 24.15 *Classic Signs*.

The construction of Section 24.15 *Classic Signs* of the CZO presents certain procedural and jurisdictional conflicts which necessitate this memorandum.

Jurisdiction

While Section 24.15.B provides “Application for classic sign status shall be made to the Historic District Landmarks Commission...” the inherent conflict with the legal authority of other Commissions tasked with protection and preservation of neighborhoods cannot be delegated without express authorization. With this in mind, the proper jurisdictional review shall be as follows:

- Signs within the jurisdiction of the Vieux Carré Commission are subject to the designation of that Commission.
- Signs within the jurisdiction of the Central Business District Historic District Landmarks Commission are subject to the designation of that Commission.
- Signs within the jurisdiction of the Historic District Landmarks Commission or in any location not subject to the jurisdiction of a local control historic preservation agency, shall be subject to the designation of the Historic District Landmarks Commission.

Process

Section 24.15.B(3) provides a timeline for application review and action by the applicable agency; therefore, the jurisdictional Commission identified above shall approve or deny an application as specified, and the determination of such Commission may be appealed to the Council within 30-days.

Upon recommendation for designation by the appropriate jurisdictional agency, that recommendation, along with appropriate supporting documentation shall be submitted to the City Planning Commission as an application for a Zoning Text Amendment to add the Classic Sign to Table 24-3 *Designated Classic Signs*. The City Planning Commission may then take action on such amendment in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.2 *Zoning Text and Map Amendments*. The recommendation of the jurisdictional agency shall constitute a complete application for purposes of Section 4.2.D.1.

