

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Article 3 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to add a new Section 13.11.1 to enable the establishment of the Transportation Communication Network on property owned by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to permit signs with digital displays.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of Subsection S of Section 12.32 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

2. **Districts.** In order to carry out the provisions of this article, the following districts are established:

"O"	Oil Drilling District
"S"	Animal Slaughtering District
"G"	Surface Mining District
"RPD"	Residential Planning Development District
"K"	Equinekeeping District
"CA"	Commercial and Artcraft District
"POD"	Pedestrian Oriented District
"CDO"	Community Design Overlay District
"MU"	Mixed Use District
"FH"	Fence Height District
"SN"	Sign District
"TCN"	Transportation Communication Network District
"RFA"	Residential Floor Area District
"NSO"	Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay District
"CPIO"	Community Plan Implementation Overlay District
"HS"	Hillside Standards Overlay District
"MPR"	Modified Parking Requirement District
"RIO"	River Improvement Overlay District
"CUGU"	Clean Up Green Up Overlay District
"RG"	Rear Detached Garage District
"HCR"	Hillside Construction Regulation District

These districts and their boundaries are shown on portions of the "Zoning Map" as provided for in Section 12.04 and made a part thereof by a combination of the zone and district symbols. This map and the notations, references and other information shown on it which pertain to the boundaries of these districts are made a part of this article as if fully described here. Reference is hereby made to those maps, notations, references and other information for full particulars.

Sec. 2. Paragraph (b) of Subdivision 3 of Subsection S of Section 12.32 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(b) **Additional Requirements for Application.** Except for CPIO Districts and TCN Districts, which may not be established through the application procedure, one or more of the owners or lessees of property within the boundaries of the proposed district may submit a verified application for the establishment of a district. An application for the establishment of a Commercial and Artcraft District, a Pedestrian Oriented District, an Equinekeeping District, a Community Design Overlay District, a Mixed Use District, a Sign District, a Residential Floor Area District, a Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay District, a Hillside Standards Overlay District, a Modified Parking Requirement District, a River Improvement Overlay District, or a Clean Up Green Up Overlay District shall contain the signatures of at least 75 percent of the owners or lessees of property within the proposed district. An application for the establishment of a Fence Height District shall contain the signatures of at least 50 percent of the owners or lessees of property within the proposed district. An application shall be accompanied by any information deemed necessary by the Department.

If establishment of a district is initiated by the City Council, City Planning Commission or Director of Planning, the signatures of the property owners or lessees shall not be required.

Sec. 3. Subparagraph (3) of Paragraph (c) of Subdivision 3 of Subsection S of Section 12.32 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(3) **Time for Commission to Act on Application.** The City Planning Commission shall act on an application to establish an "O", "S", "G", "K", "CA", "POD", "CDO", "MU", "FH", "SN", "TCN", "RFA", "NSO", "CPIO", "HS", "MPR", "RIO", or "CUGU" District within 75 days from the date of the filing of the application. The City Planning Commission shall act on an application to establish an "RPD" District within 75 days from receipt of the Subdivision Committee report and recommendation. The City Planning Commission shall act on proceedings initiated by the Council within 75 days of receipt of that action from the Council, or within the time that the Council may otherwise specify.

Sec. 4. Paragraph (c) of Subdivision 4 of Subsection S of Section 12.32 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(c) **Procedures.** An applicant for a Project that complies with the provisions of an adopted Commercial and Artcraft District, Pedestrian Oriented District, Community Design Overlay District, Mixed Use District, Community Plan Implementation Overlay District, River Improvement Overlay District, Clean Up Green Up Overlay District, or Transportation

Communication Network District, shall submit plans to the Director for an Administrative Clearance. The Director or his/her designee shall review the Project for compliance with the applicable Supplemental Use District development regulations. A Project that does not qualify for Administrative Clearance shall follow the procedures set forth in the applicable Supplemental Use District.

Sec. 5. A new Section 13.11.1 is added to Article 3 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3
SPECIFIC PLAN – ZONING
SUPPLEMENTAL USE DISTRICTS

- Section
- 13.01 “O” Oil Drilling Districts.
 - 13.02 “S” Animal Slaughtering Districts.
 - 13.03 “G” Surface Mining Operations Districts.
 - 13.04 “RPD” Residential Planned Development Districts.
 - 13.05 “K” Equinekeeping Districts.
 - 13.06 Commercial and Artcraft Districts.
 - 13.07 Pedestrian Oriented District.
 - 13.08 “CDO” Community Design Overlay District.
 - 13.09 Mixed Use District.
 - 13.10 Fence Heights District.
 - 13.11 “SN” Sign District.
 - 13.11.1 “TCN” Transportation Communication Network District.
 - 13.12 “NSO” Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay District.
 - 13.13 “RFA” Residential Floor Area District.
 - 13.14 “CPIO” Community Plan Implementation Overlay District.
 - 13.15 “MPR” Modified Parking Requirement District.
 - 13.16 “HS” Hillside Standards Overlay District.
 - 13.17 “RIO” River Improvement Overlay District.
 - 13.18 “CUGU” Clean Up Green Up Overlay District.
 - 13.19 “RG” Rear Detached Garage District.
 - 13.20 “HCR” Hillside Construction Regulation District.
 - 13.21 Violation.

Sec. 6. A new Section 13.11.1 is added to Article 3 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SECTION. 13.11.1. "TCN" TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATION NETWORK DISTRICT.

A. **Purpose.** This section sets forth procedures and standards for the establishment of a Transportation Communication Network "TCN" District, the unique characteristics of which can be enhanced by the imposition of special sign regulations designed to facilitate the implementation of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) Transportation Communication Network (TCN) program citywide, which will provide intelligent transportation technology, public and commercial messaging, service alerts, revenue generation, and blight reduction through a city-wide sign reduction program.

B. Establishment of Districts.

1. The City Council, the City Planning Commission, and the Director of Planning shall have the authority to initiate, establish, or adjust the boundaries of a Transportation Communication Network (TCN) District. Applications for the establishment or expansion of a TCN District shall not be permitted.

2. The procedures set forth in Section 12.32 S of this Code shall be followed for the initiation of the TCN District, provided that a TCN District shall only include parcels that are zoned C (Commercial), M (Industrial), PF (Public Facilities), CW (Central City Specific Plan), CM (Commercial Manufacturing), ADP (Alameda District Specific Plan) or LAX (Los Angeles International Airport Specific Plan), or are located in an equivalent specific plan zone, and that are owned by LACMTA at the time of district initiation. For the purposes of this section, any parcel with a zoning designation of PF (Public Facilities) in a portion of the TCN District shall be considered equivalent to a C (Commercial) zone.

3. A TCN District may encompass an area which is subject to, in whole or in part, a Specific Plan. If the provisions of a TCN District conflict with any City-wide regulations in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, specific plan, or supplemental use districts, other than a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone, then the requirements of the TCN District shall prevail.

4. A TCN District may include contiguous and non-contiguous parcels. Precise parcel and district boundaries are required at the time of initiation to create or expand a TCN District.

C. Development Regulations.

1. The only signs and sign support structures that a TCN District shall be permitted to authorize, above and beyond those signs and sign support structures authorized by the signage regulations in Article 4.4, shall be digital displays and associated sign support structures. These signs may display off-site

advertising, and the applicability of Article 4.4 to those signs permitted by a TCN District shall be outlined in the ordinance establishing the TCN District.

2. The ordinance establishing a TCN District shall specify the height limitations, maximum sign area, and operational standards, including, but not limited to, hours of operation, digital display refresh rates, and monitoring, allowed for each of the proposed signs. Furthermore, the ordinance shall include requirements for off-site sign reduction that, at minimum, results in a net reduction in off-site signs citywide.

D. **Conformance.** The Department of Building and Safety shall not issue a building permit for a sign within a TCN District unless the Director of Planning issues an Administrative Clearance or other approval indicating the sign conforms to the regulations set forth in the specific TCN District Ordinance.

Sec. 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality
HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By 
ERNESTO VELAZQUEZ
Deputy City Attorney

Date December 1, 2023

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Pursuant to Charter Section 559, I
disapprove this ordinance on behalf
of the City Planning Commission and
recommend that it **not** be adopted.


VINCENT P. BERTONI, AICP
Director of Planning

Date December 1, 2023

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles
hereby certifies that the foregoing
ordinance was passed by the Council
of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____