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Re: File No. 113497 - Commission on Signs -
Does a painted sign on a wall constitute
a billboard or posterboard - Jurisdiction
of Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals

Dear Mr. Potts:

You recently requested an opinion of this office as to whether or not a proposed sign to be painted on the east wall of the building located at No. 5 - 7 West Lombard Street is to be considered as a billboard or posterboard under the provisions of Article 40, Section 37, as amended, of the Baltimore City Code, 1950 Edition, (Zoning Law), thus coming under the jurisdiction of the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

For the reasons hereinafter set forth, it is our opinion that such a sign is neither a billboard nor a posterboard and, therefore, does not come under the control of the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

We understand that Art-Lite Sign Company has submitted a request to the Commission on Signs for approval to paint a sign measuring 20 feet by 30 feet on the east wall of the aforementioned building, which would cover two existing deteriorated painted signs.

The present question has been raised in view of the language contained in Section (i) of Ordinance No. 663, approved November 1, 1965. This Ordinance created the Commission on Signs and authorized the Commission to establish standards and requirements for commercial signs, billboards or other advertising structures and devices within a particular area in Baltimore City. Section (i)