



# Newsrack Ordinance

## Requirements



# Effective Date

- January 1, 2008 – all newsracks within the CBD must be in compliance with all provisions of the ordinance except the color/graphics requirement
- January 1, 2009 – all newsracks within the City of Houston must be in compliance with the ordinance including the color/graphics requirement



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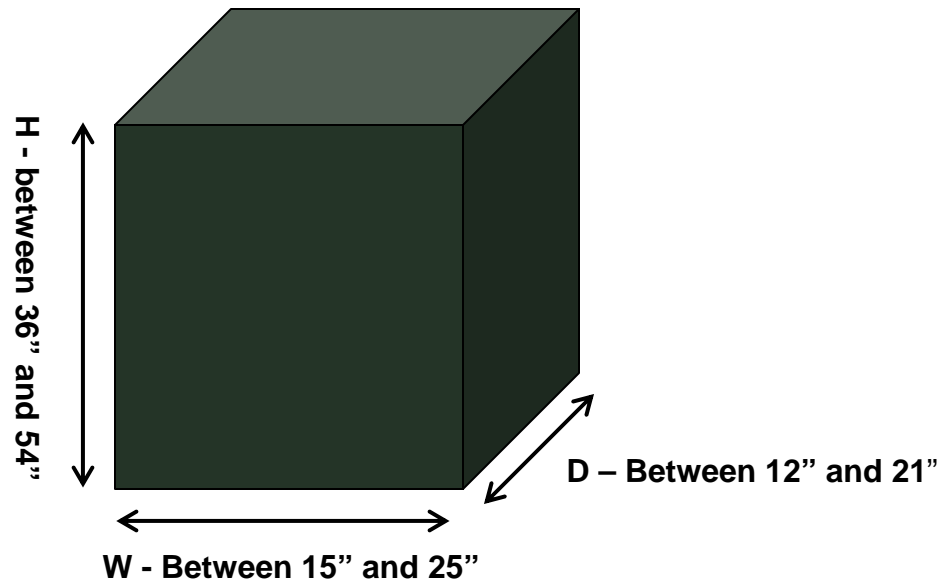
## Weight

- Coin-operated – net weight no less than 80 pounds when empty, excluding the concrete base
- Free publications – net weight no less than 50 pounds when empty, excluding the concrete base



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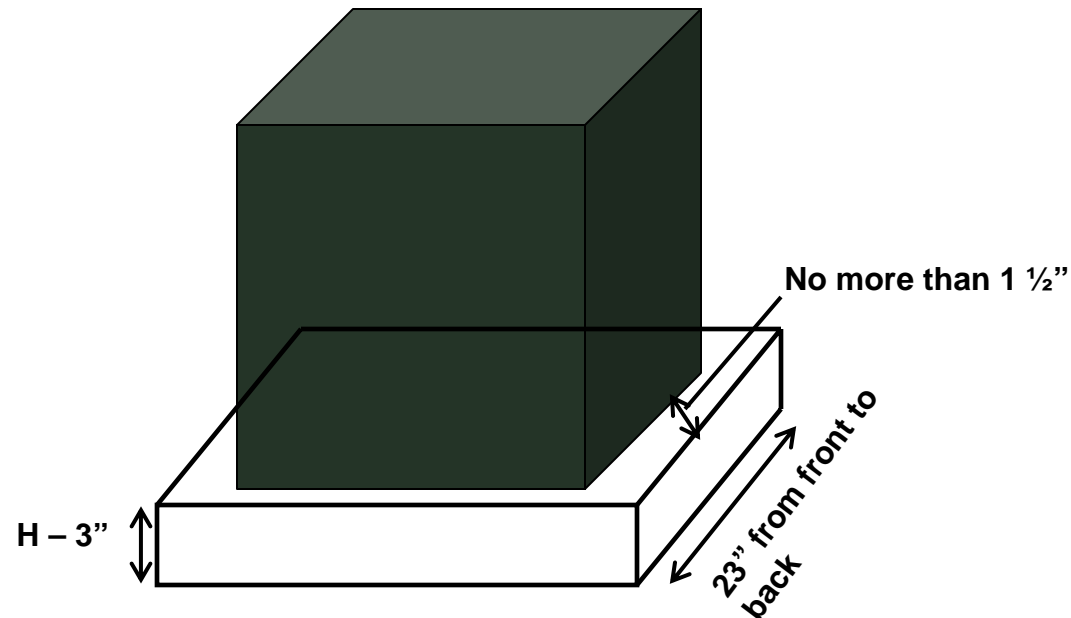
- Height – between 36” and 54” (excluding the 3” concrete base)
- Width – between 15” and 25”
- Depth – between 12” and 21”
- Newsrack color must be RAL #6009 (fir green) –by January 1, **2009**





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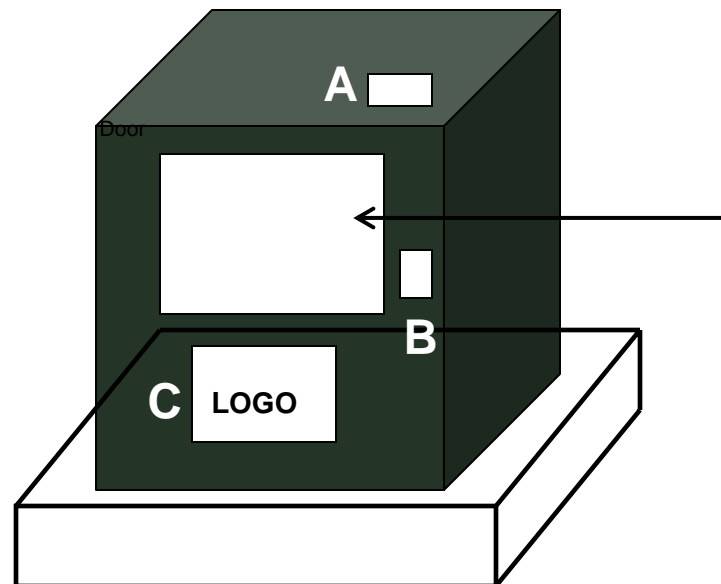
- 20-gauge or thicker zinc coated steel
- Three-inch concrete base – not less than 95 pounds, 23” from front to back; no more than 1 ½” beyond the newsrack on either side
- Concrete base cannot be painted or decorated





# Signage/Graphics

- A. 4"x7" faceplate on front OR top of newsrack (near coin-operated mechanism) providing following info:
- Price or indicate that publication is free of charge
  - Acceptable coin combination
- B. Identifying information on front of newsrack (no larger than 3x5")
- Name of newsrack owner
  - Distributor name
  - Address
  - Telephone number
- C. Display decal (logo), no larger than 15" x 17" – permitted on front and back of newsrack

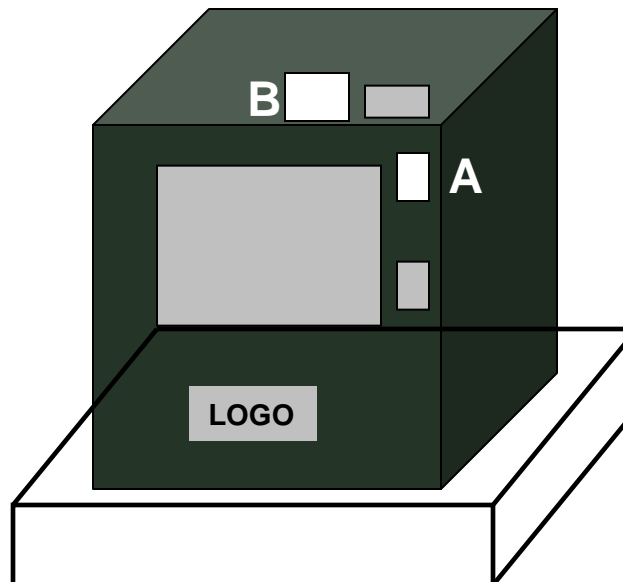


Door must clearly display front page of current edition



# Coin-Operated Newsracks

- A. Equipped with a working coin-return device
- B. Display refund information on front or top of newsrack – no larger than 3”x5”





# Placement

## Sec. 40-456

- Cannot endanger public safety
- Cannot interfere or impede pedestrian traffic
- Not blocking an entry or exit from residence or business
- A bank of racks cannot exceed 10'
- Banks must be separated by at least 4'
- Placed on a sidewalk within the CBD, parallel to the curb no less than 18" nor more than 24" from the curb in no parking zones, otherwise no less than 36" and no more than 42" from the curb.





# Permit/Decals

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- Permit Application - \$300 per publication
- Decal - \$5 per newsrack

## Enforcement

- Newsrack owners must provide an email address for Parking Management to contact in case of violations (Sec. 40-453)
- Abandoned or severely damaged newsracks are subject to seizure (Sec. 40- 457)
- Citations (Class C misdemeanors) can be issued for newsracks not in compliance with ordinance (Sec. 40-459)
- Ordinance provides for a hearing process if newsrack owner is denied a permit/decal or believes that newsrack was seized improperly (Sec. 40-453 and 458)

# Before & After

