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Post No Bills

Ordinance 14, Section 348, of the City of Boston Code was enacted by lawmakers fed up with the visual assault of so-called New Wave posters:

No person shall post up or affix in any manner, paint, print or write, or cause to be painted, printed, or written, a notice, advertisement, or bill, upon a post, pole, fence, wall, or building in the city, unless he has previously obtained the consent of the person having possession of such post, pole, fence, wall, or building.

Eighteen commas.

The ordinance (and the \$20-maximum fine enforcing it) effectively eliminates the poster as an art form in the city. But since some people actually *enjoy* being visually assaulted, we've decided to print, write, . . . oh, forget it.