

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Apex as follows:

Section 1. Section 8.7 of the Unified Development Ordinance is amended to read as follows with additions shown as bold underlined text and deletions shown as struck-through text:

8.7 Signs

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8.7.1 Permitted Signs: Location, Size, and Number

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Table 8.7.1

P = allowed with permit X = not allowed V = allowed without permit

Sign Type	Conditions	Residential Uses	Commercial Uses	Industrial Uses	Office & Institutional Uses	Illumination ¹
Permanent Sign Types						
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20	Projecting	8.7.1.A.20	P	P	P	Yes
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Sign Design and Color						
¹ Subject to Sec. 8.7.4.C <i>Uniform Color Scheme</i> , 8.6 <i>Exterior Lighting</i> , and 8.7.6.B <i>Sign illumination</i> .						

A) *Permanent Sign Types*

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20) Projecting Signs

A sign affixed to a building or wall in such a manner that its leading edge extends more than 12 inches beyond the surface of said building or wall and meets the conditions below:

- a) **Projecting signs shall maintain a minimum vertical clearance of nine (9) feet and shall not project higher than the building height, roof line, or parapet wall.**
- b) **Projecting signs may only be used as an alternative to a wall sign. In no instance shall a single tenant have a projecting sign, and a wall sign located on the same building façade.**
- c) **The maximum sign area permitted for such sign shall be determined by the mounting height of the top of the sign as listed in Table 8.7.1.A.20 below.**

Table 8.7.1.A.20

<u>Projecting Sign Location</u>	<u>Maximum Sign Area</u>
<u>Ground Floor</u>	<u>12 square feet</u>
<u>Between ground floor and secondary story</u>	<u>18 square feet</u>

<u>Between second story and third story</u>	<u>32 square feet</u>
<u>Third story and above</u>	<u>48 square feet</u>

- d) The number of projecting signs shall be limited to one (1) per ground-floor public entrance with frontage on a street; or if on a corner lot, one (1) projecting sign per ground-floor public entrance per façade with street frontage

The outside edge of the projecting sign shall not project more than five (5) feet beyond the façade of the building.

- e) Also subject to Sec. 8.7.4 Sign Design and Color, 8.7.5 Master Sign Plan Requirement, Sec. 8.7.3 Sign Area Measurement, and 8.7.6.B Sign Illumination.

- f) Projecting signs in compliance with the above regulations may project into the air rights of a public right-of-way if approval for such encroachment is obtained from the governmental authority having jurisdiction over improvements in the public right-of-way prior to the approval of the sign permit.



Figure 8.7.1.A.20 Examples of projecting sign type.

8.7.6 Installation Requirements

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B) *Sign Illumination*

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- 4) *Style of internally illuminated signs.* Internally illuminated signs shall have individually illuminated letters and logos. Such letters shall have opaque sides, and the acrylic front shall be flush with the sides instead of held by a lip.
Provided, however, projecting signs shall be allowed to be internally

illuminated only with the use of individual face or edge-lit halo letters, logos, and design forms with a maximum of one-half-inch visible acrylic on a common cabinet.

Section 2. The Planning Director and/or Town Manager are hereby authorized to renumber, revise formatting, correct typographic errors, to verify and correct cross references, indexes and diagrams as necessary to codify, publish, and/or accomplish the provisions of this ordinance or future amendments as long as doing so does not alter the terms of this ordinance.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to such section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4. The ordinance shall be effective upon enactment on the ____ day of _____ 2025.

Introduced by Council Member _____

Seconded by Council Member _____

Attest:

TOWN OF APEX

Allen Coleman, CMC, NCCCC
Town Clerk

Jacques K. Gilbert
Mayor

Approved as to Form:

Laurie L. Hohe
Town Attorney