

Sec. 30-603. - General requirements.

- (a) No sign shall be placed in, upon or over any public right-of-way, alley or other public place within the city, except for permitted highway and government signs and signs permitted in the B-2 district, which may project from a building wall over a public way.
- (b) No light pole, utility pole or other supporting member shall be used for the placement of any sign unless it is specifically designed and approved for such use.
- (c) No sign shall be erected in any place where it may, by reason of its position, shape, color or other characteristic, interfere with, obstruct the view of or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device, or constitutes a nuisance.
- (d) No commercial vehicle which, in the opinion of the zoning administrator, has the intended function of acting as a sign, shall be parked in any area abutting a street unless no other parking area is available.
- (e) No sign shall contain any moving or animated parts, nor have the appearance of having any moving or animated parts, except as provided within this division.
- (f) All ground, freestanding and wall signs may contain reader boards within the maximum size limits permitted for the sign.
- (g) No wall sign shall extend beyond the edge of the wall to which it is affixed, nor extend above the roofline of the building to which it is attached.
- (h) Subject to constitutional limitations, all signs shall pertain only to the business or activity conducted on the premises, except political signs, special event signs and billboards.
- (i) Nonilluminated real estate signs shall be permitted in any zoning district within the city but shall be removed within 30 days after completion of the sale or lease of the property.
- (j) Construction signs shall be permitted within any zoning district within the city subject to the following regulations:
  - (1) Such signs shall not be larger than 32 square feet, shall be located no closer than ten feet from the street right-of-way line and shall not be higher than ten feet.
  - (2) In residential developments, any construction sign shall be removed when a permanent subdivision sign is erected, final plat approval is obtained or a certificate of occupancy is issued for any dwelling in the development, whichever comes first.
  - (3) In nonresidential developments, any construction sign shall be removed upon issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the building.
  - (4) Such signs shall be erected no more than 45 days prior to the issuance of a building permit. If the construction project does not commence by the forty-fifth day, the sign permit may be revoked by the city. It will then be the responsibility of the permit holder to promptly remove the construction sign.
- (k) Community special event signs are permitted in any zoning district within the city, subject to the following restrictions:
  - (1) Such signs may be located either on or off the lot on which the special events are held.

- (2) The display of community special event signs shall be limited to the ten days immediately preceding the special event which is being advertised.
  - (3) Such signs shall have a maximum size of 32 square feet in area, and a maximum height above ground level of six feet and shall be set back a minimum of two feet from any property line.
  - (4) Such signs shall be removed within 48 hours of the conclusion of the special event which is being advertised.
- (l) Directional signs are permitted in any zoning district within the city subject to the following restrictions:
- (1) Such signs shall not exceed two square feet in area, or exceed three feet in height, and shall be set back at least two feet from any property line.
  - (2) Such signs may contain a commercial logo or trademark not exceeding one-third of the sign's size but shall not contain a business name or commercial message.
- (m) Temporary signs shall be permitted in any zoning district within the city subject to the following restrictions:
- (1) Such signs shall only be displayed upon receipt of a permit issued by the zoning administrator, unless such sign is exempted from the permit requirement under section 30-604.
  - (2) Such signs shall not be displayed on any lot or parcel for more than 30 consecutive days for any one permit, and not more than two permits shall be issued for any lot or parcel during any calendar year.
  - (3) Upon expiration of a temporary sign permit, the permit holder shall remove such sign.
  - (4) Such signs shall not exceed 32 square feet in area.
  - (5) Only one temporary sign shall be permitted on a lot or parcel.
  - (6) Such signs shall not be closer than five feet from any property line fronting on a public street.
  - (7) All temporary signs shall be designed and constructed to withstand a wind pressure of not less than 30 pounds per square foot of area.
- (n) Lighted signs shall be inspected by the zoning administrator for proper and adequate electrical connections. If deemed necessary by the zoning administrator, an electrical code permit will be required for a lighted sign.

(Ord. No. 534 § III, 11-27-2000; Ord. No. 556, § 2, 5-14-2005; Ord. No. 570, § 1, 2-25-2008)

#### Sec. 30-605. - Prohibited signs.

All signs not specifically allowed under this division, unless exempted by this section, shall be prohibited in the city.

The following types of signs shall be expressly prohibited:

- (1) Balloons, balloon signs, strings of light bulbs, pennants, streamers, banners or flags, except flags of a noncommercial nature not used for the purposes of commercial advertisement.
- (2) Any sign, including window signs, which have flashing, moving or oscillating lights, excluding time and temperature signs.
- (3) Roof signs.
- (4) Off-premises signs, except for noncommercial signs, community special event signs and billboards.

Sec. 30-608. - Signs permitted by district.

The following signs are permitted in combination, unless otherwise noted, in each district, subject to the requirements set forth in the tables and other applicable regulations of this division:

(1) *R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 residential districts.*

a. *Residential subdivision signs (freestanding signs shall not be permitted).*

1. *Number:* One per entrance road to the development, not exceeding two such signs per development.
2. *Size:* Not greater than 24 square feet.
3. *Location:* Minimum of 15 feet from the street right-of-way line.
4. *Height:* Not more than four feet above grade.

b. *Institutional identification signs/bulletin boards.*

1. *Number:* One per lot or parcel.
2. *Size:* Not greater than 32 square feet.
3. *Location:* Minimum of 15 feet from the street right-of-way.
4. *Height:* Not more than five feet above grade.

c. *Wall signs for home occupations.*

1. *Number:* One per lot or parcel.
2. *Size:* Not greater than two square feet.
3. *Location:* Mounted flat against the wall and nonilluminated.

d. *Wall signs for nonresidential uses.*

1. *Number:* One per street frontage.
2. *Size:* For public and quasi-public facilities, such as schools, churches and similar institutional uses, no sign shall be greater than five percent of the wall area to which it is affixed, not to exceed 50 square feet. For private offices, no such sign shall be greater than six square feet.
3. *Location:* Mounted flat against the wall facing the street.

(2) *B-1, B-2 and O-S business districts.*

a. *Ground or freestanding signs.*

1. *Number:* One per street frontage, but not more than two signs, provided that lots with two street frontages shall have a minimum width at each right-of-way line of at least 50 feet in order to have a second sign.
2. *Size:* Not greater than 48 square feet for ground signs, or 60 square feet for freestanding signs.
3. *Location:* Minimum of two feet from the property line.

4. *Height:* Not more than five feet above grade for ground signs, or 25 feet for freestanding signs with a minimum of eight feet ground clearance to permit an unobstructed view for motorists and pedestrians.
  5. *Illumination:* No illumination shall be allowed if the property is adjacent to a residential district.
- b. *Wall signs.*
1. *Number:* One per business, provided that any business which has frontage on more than one street shall be permitted to have one wall sign per street frontage, subject to the size restriction set forth in subsection (2)b.2 of this section.
  2. *Size:* Not greater than ten percent of the wall area to which it is affixed and which is occupied by the respective business, not to exceed 60 square feet.
  3. *Location:* Mounted flat against the wall facing the street.
- c. *Projecting signs.*
1. *Number:* One per street frontage.
  2. *Size:*
  3. *Location:* The edge of the sign nearest the building wall shall not extend more than two feet from the wall and the outermost edge of the sign including the structure supporting the sign shall be set back at least two feet from the curb edge of the street or from the edge of the street where there is no curb.
  4. *Height:* The bottom edge of the sign, including the structure supporting the sign shall be at least eight feet above the sidewalk or ground level where there is no sidewalk.
  5. *Variations:* May be granted through the zoning board of appeals (city commission).
- d. *Awning, canopy and marquee signs.*
1. *Number:* One per street frontage.
  2. *Location:* Shall not be placed upon an awning or canopy or marquee unless such awning, canopy or marquee:
    - i. Is set back at least two feet from the curb edge of the street or from the edge of the street where there is no curb.
    - ii. The bottom edge of which is at least eight feet above the sidewalk or ground level where there is no sidewalk.
    - iii. The top edge of which does not extend above the roofline of the building to which it is attached.
  3. *Variations:* Variations from the dimensional limitations of this section shall not be granted.
- e. *Business center signs.*
1. *Number:* One per street frontage, but not more than two signs, provided that lots with two street frontages shall have a minimum width at each right-of-way of at least 50 feet in order to have a second sign. Freestanding signs shall not be permitted for individual businesses within any

business center.

2. *Size:* Not greater than 80 square feet.
3. *Location:* Minimum of two feet from the property line.
4. *Height:* Not more than 25 feet.

f. *Billboards (if approved as a special exception use).*

1. *Size:* Not greater than 300 square feet.
2. *Location:* Shall be set back a minimum of 75 feet from the road right-of-way line, no closer than 50 feet to any other property line, and no closer than 300 feet to any other billboard on the same or opposite side of the street.
3. *Height:* Not more than 30 feet.
4. *Lighting:* Illumination shall be permitted provided such illumination is concentrated on the surface of the sign and is located so as to avoid glare or reflection onto any portion of the adjacent street or highway, the path of oncoming vehicles or any adjacent premises. In no event shall any billboard have flashing of intermittent lights, or shall the light be permitted to rotate or oscillate.

g. *Sidewalk signs.*

1. *Size:* Sidewalk signs shall be of A-frame construction with a minimum base spread of two feet. Each surface of A-frame construction shall not exceed six square feet.
2. *Location:* Sidewalk signs shall be permitted during the hours a business is open to the public and must be removed at the end of business each day. A minimum of six feet of unobstructed sidewalk must remain between the sign and adjacent buildings.
3. *Height:* The maximum height shall be five feet.
4. *Lighting and copy:* The surfaces of sidewalk signs shall be durable and the copy may be painted or printed on the surface. Loose paper faces shall not be permitted. Sidewalk signs shall not be illuminated.

(3) *I-1 and I-2 industrial districts.*

a. *Ground signs.*

1. *Number:* One per street frontage but not more than two signs, provided that lots with two street frontages shall have a minimum width at each right-of-way line of at least 50 feet in order to have a second sign.
2. *Size:* Not greater than 48 square feet for one sign, and if there are two signs, the second sign shall be no greater than 24 square feet.
3. *Location:* Minimum of two feet from the property line.
4. *Height:* Not more than five feet above grade.

b. *Freestanding signs.*

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*Number:* One per street frontage, but not more than two signs, provided that lots with two street frontages shall have a minimum width at each right-of-way line of at least 50 feet in order to have a second sign.

2. *Size:* Not greater than 100 square feet for one sign, and if there are two signs, the second sign shall be no greater than 32 square feet.
3. *Location:* Minimum of two feet from the property line.
4. *Height:* Not more than 30 feet above grade.

c. *Wall signs.*

1. *Number:* One per street frontage.
2. *Size:* Not greater than five percent of the wall area to which the sign is affixed, not to exceed 100 square feet.
3. *Location:* Mounted flat on the wall facing the street.

d. *Billboards (if approved as a conditional use).*

1. *Number:* See business center as set forth in subsection (2)e. of this section.
2. *Size:* Not greater than 300 square feet.
3. *Location:* Shall be set back a minimum of 75 feet from the road right-of-way line, not closer than 50 feet to any other property line and not closer than 300 feet to any other billboard on the same or opposite side of the street.
4. *Height:* Not more than 30 feet.
5. *Lighting:* See business center as set forth in subsection (2)e. of this section.

(Ord. No. 453, § 402, 12-8-1986; Ord. No. 534, § IX, 11-27-2000; Ord. No. 535, § 1, 1-8-2001; Ord. No. 570, § 1, 2-25-2008)