

(a) 3.10.001 Definitions

Temporary Sign

Current: Any sign constructed of cloth, canvas, plastic, light fabric, wallboard or other material, with or without frames, intended to be displayed for a limited period of time only 90 days is the maximum period for these signs.

New: Any sign constructed of cloth, canvas, plastic, light fabric, wallboard, or other material, with or without frames, intended to be displayed for a period of time not to exceed 30 consecutive days during a 90-day period.

Window Sign

Current: A sign attached to, placed upon or painted on the window or door of a building which is intended for public viewing from the exterior of the building.

New: A permanent sign or mural attached to, placed upon, or painted on the window or door of a building which is intended for public viewing from the exterior of the building requires a permit approved by the Building Official Office. This permit will have no fee.

- i. Temporary window signs being used to advertise an event that do not exceed 11" x 14," and are not permanently affixed to the window do not require a permit.

Freestanding Sign

Current: A sign not attached to a building. A freestanding sign may be either a pole (pylon) sign or a monument sign.

New: A sign supported by structures or supports in or on the ground and independent of any support from any building or wall. It also includes any non-portable sign supported by a fence, retaining wall, or upright structural members or braces on or in the ground and not attached to a building. A freestanding sign can have messages on each side.

Digital Sign

Current: Also known as an electronic message center (EMC).

New: Digital sign (non-motion) means a sign, display, or device that changes its message or copy by programmable electronic or mechanical processes. The use of an electronic image on a digital display device does not include the use of flashing, intermittent, or moving light for the purposes of any rule or regulation.

Digital Sign (motion) means any sign 1) illuminated by flashing, intermittent, or moving lights; (2) containing or displaying animation, moving video, or scrolling advertising; (3) consisting of a static image projected on a stationary object; or (4) a mobile sign located on a truck or trailer.

3.10.004 General Provisions

Current: (a) Permit required. No person or business firm shall erect any sign or sign structure until a sign permit for the work has been issued by the code enforcement officer to a contractor or the owner or occupant of the premises where the work is to be done.

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- (i.) Temporary Signs in B-3, B-2, B-1, on the downtown square, and immediately surrounding the Historical Overlay District must have a permit for any temporary signs. There will be no permit fee for these requests.
- (ii.) Temporary Grand Opening Signage requires a permit and a fee of \$10.

3.10.007 Prohibited Signs

Current: The following signs shall be prohibited in all districts:

- (a) Any signs and supports, other than those required by a governmental authority, that are located on the public right-of-way, including public streets, alleys, and parkways. This section shall not apply to signs on commercial vehicles or commercial trailers lawfully operated or parked in those areas, except that this exception shall not otherwise be used to legitimize the use of advertising vehicles and trailers prohibited in section 3.10.008. Any sign and supports located on the public right-of-way or easements, including public streets, alleys, and parkways, may be immediately removed by the code enforcement officer or other authorized city employee without notice.
- (b) Twirling signs, sidewalk or curb signs, pole signs, and digital signs (motion)
- (c) Signs which, by reason of their size, location, movement, content, coloring or manner of illumination, may be confused with or construed as a traffic-control sign, signal or device, or the light of an emergency or road equipment vehicle, or which hide from view any traffic or street sign, signal or device;
- (d) Any sign which emits sound or odor that is offensive in nature or visible in a manner that serves as a distraction to persons within the public right-of-way; and
- (e) Abandoned signs and damaged signs are prohibited and shall be removed by the property owner. Notice of a violation shall be issued by the code enforcement officer or other designated city representative in accordance with the notice requirements in section 3.10.112.

New: The following signs shall be prohibited in all districts/zones:

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- (f) 3.10.043 B-1, B-2, B-3, and I Districts

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(f) Signs on the Historic Courthouse Square must be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) before a permit may be obtained.