

Table 86-185 Sign Limitations by Zoning Districts												
Zoning district	A - agricultural district ²²		R-1 and R-2 ²²		R-3 and R-4 ²²			R-M ²²	B-1, B-3, I-1, and I-2			B-2
Use	Ag use	Non-ag use	Res use	Non-res use	Res use	Res use	Non-res use		Res use	Res use	Non-res use	Downtown
Sign type			single fam.		single fam.	other			single fam.	other	ex. Downtown	
Permanent freestanding ¹⁶	(2)2e-6 ²¹	(1)32-20+(2)2e-6	(1)1-3 ⁵	(1)32-20 ³	(1)1-3 ⁵	(1)32-20 ³	(1)32-20 ³	(1)32-20 ⁷	(1)1-3 ⁵	(1)32-20 ³	(1)120-30 ⁹	(1)18-16
Permanent projecting ^{10,16}	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	(1)24	(1)12
Permanent flat (wall)	NP	NP	NP	(1)1% ⁴	NP	(1)1% ⁴	(1)1% ⁴	NP	NP	(1)1% ⁴	(1)10% ^{4,20}	(1)10% ^{4,20}
Temp freestanding (portable) ^{11,13,18}	(1)2-3	(1)24-6	(1)2-3 ^{1,26}	(1)24-6	(1)2-3 ²⁶	(1)24-6	(1)24-6	(1)2-3 ⁸	(1)2-3	(1)24-6	(1)24-6	(1)6-3 ¹⁹
Temporary wall (banner) ^{11,13,14,18}	NP	NP	NP	(1)1%/24 ⁶	NP	(1)32	(1)1%/24 ⁶	NP	NP	(1)1%/32 ⁶	(1)2%/48 ^{6,24}	(1)2%/32 ⁶
Awning ^{13,15}	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	IL	IL	NP	NP	IL	IL + (1)10	IL + (1)10
Balloon ^{13,17,18}	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	(2)n/a-15	NP
Directional ¹³	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	(2)5e-6 ²¹	(4)10e-6 ²¹	NP	NP	(2)5e-6 ²¹	(4)10e-6 ^{21,23}	NP
Feather ^{13,18}	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	(1)24-15	NP	NP	NP	(2)24e-15	(2)24e-15	NP
Flag wall ^{13,16}	(1)12-6	NP	(1)12-6	NP	(1)12-6	NP	NP	(1)12-6 ⁸	(1)12-6	NP	NP	(1)12-6
Flag ground ¹⁶	(1)24-15	(2)24e-20	(1)24-10 ²	(2)24e-20	(1)24-10 ²	(2)24e-20	(2)24e-20	(1)24-15	(1)24-10 ²	(2)24e-20	(2)30e-50 ²⁵	(1)24-30
Gas pump ¹³	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	(1)10	(1)10
Utility box ¹³	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	(2)2e	(2)2e
Window ¹³	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	IL + (1) ¹²	IL + (1) ¹²

NP - not permitted; - either - or; e - each (for multiple signs); () number of signs is limited by total square footage; IL - individual letters only, 6 inches high maximum

Legend: (number of signs permitted)maximum size of a sign-maximum height of a sign; example: (1) 12-6 - one sign only, 12 SF maximum, not higher than 6 feet

Note: Off-premises signs (advertising signs or billboards) are not a part of the sign ordinance and regulated as "use" and require a conditional use permit

1 - plus (1)24-6 for new subdivisions with more than 10 vacant parcels

2 - 15 feet for a dwelling group of more than 4 units

3 - two (2) for double frontage lots (one per frontage)

4 - percentage of primary use building façade area; for double frontage and corner lots, each façade shall be considered separately

5 - plus (1)32-6 for a dwelling group of more than 4 units

6 - whichever is less

7 - per manufactured park entrance plus one (1)1-3 per occupied lot

8 - per occupied lot

9 (a) - two (2) signs for double frontage lots (one per frontage, one 120 SF and another 60 SF) and for corner lots or lots with total frontage over 600 feet (one 120 SF and another 60 SF), provided distance between signs is at least 2/3 of the frontage length;

(b) - two (2) signs for lots with two or more different principal use buildings (120 SF and 60 SF) or one sign 150 SF; for strip mall buildings, single sign area may be increased to 150 SF;

(c) - for lots with frontage greater than 400 ft, single sign area may be increased to 150 SF, provided it is located at least 1/3 of the frontage length from each corner;

(d) - 120 SF size limit shall be reduced to 80 SF for lots with frontage less than 100 feet and for ground sign lower than 20 feet;

(e) - pylon sign areas may be increased by 25 percent for divided highway frontage and for signs located more than 20 feet above ground (cumulatively); height may be increased by 5 feet for divided highway frontage

10 - shall not project over public right of way (except in downtown, they can project up to six feet or two-thirds of sidewalk width, whatever is less) or any driving area

11 - noncommercial signs posted during elections are governed by the State statutes 211B.045

12 - one window sign per glass pane; multiple signs per pane must be coordinated and neatly and symmetrically placed; neon tube signs and transparent glass film signs are always permitted; must be counted towards flat wall sign allowance for a façade

13 - no permit required

14 - a banner shall be considered a permanent flat sign if installed within a sign cabinet or if always installed in the same location and replaced every 30 days

15 - awning signs must be pre-printed or embroidered on canopy or awning material only

16 - bottom edge of all freestanding and projecting signs, and flags projecting more than 24 inches must be 8 feet minimum above dedicated paved walking surface. All ground signs shall maintain 5-foot setbacks.

17 - balloon signs must be ground mounted and may not utilize cabling, tie-downs or tether lines

18 - all temporary signs are limited to 6 feet height, unless indicated otherwise, and no more than 14 consecutive days and total 60 days in a year per property, unless installed on active construction site or on property listed for sale or lease

19 - sandwich signs in Downtown may be installed for any number of days provided they are removed nightly and allow five foot wide passage

20 - additional (1)5% for alley façade

21 - plus (1) additional sign per each five acres of lot area over 10 acres

22 - multi-faced signs, rotating and moving signs, and use of real objects on signs are prohibited

23 - one sign may be 16 SF and 10 ft high

24 - three banner signs are permitted on temporary fences around active construction sites (one continuous banner of unlimited length and 6 feet high is also permitted as an alternative)

25 - a single flag on the property may exceed prescribed size and height if corporate business standards call for specific size

26 - may stay for the sign's life span provided it is placed outside of required yards