

**Ordinance 2025
City of Madison Heights
Oakland County, Michigan
Zoning Text Amendment 24-04**

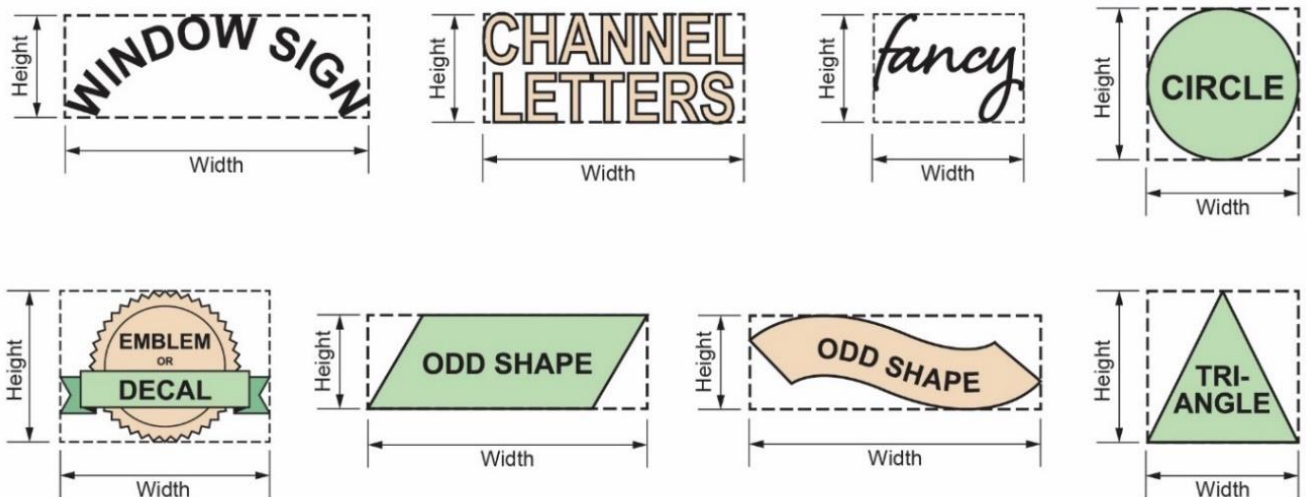
An ordinance to amend Ordinance 2198, being an ordinance codifying and adopting a new Zoning Ordinance for the City of Madison Heights, by amending Appendix A, Section 12.06 – Measurement of Sign Area and Height – and Section 12.07 – Regulations for Permitted Signs – to modify standards relating to wall sign measurements and allowances.

The City of Madison Heights ordains:

Section 1. SECTION 12.06 – MEASUREMENT OF SIGN AREA AND HEIGHT is hereby amended as follows:

Section 12.06 Measurement of Sign Area and Height

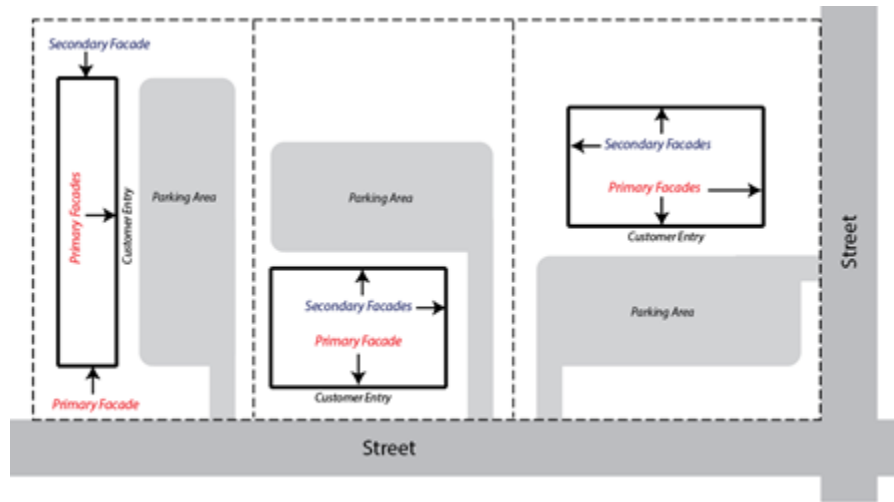
- Sign Area.** For the purposes of this section, the sign area shall include the total area within any circle, triangle, rectangle or square, or combination of two shapes which are contiguous to each other, enclosing the extreme limits of writing, representation, emblem or any similar figure, together with any frame or other material forming an integral part of the display or used to differentiate such sign from the background against which it is placed. In the case of a broken sign, (a sign with open spaces between the letters or insignia) the sign area to be considered for size shall include all air space between the letters or insignia. Where more than one wall sign is used, each sign may be measured individually, using the procedure above, provided the signs are separated by a distance equal to, or greater than, the width of the largest sign. Any back-lit area of a building exterior shall be considered to be a sign area. Where a sign has two or more faces, the area of all faces shall be included in determining the area of the sign, except that where two such faces are placed back-to-back and less than 24 inches apart, the area of the sign shall equal the area of one face.



- Sign Height.** The height of the sign is measured from the ground to the highest point of the sign from the ground.
- Building Street Frontage.** In certain cases, the lineal street frontage of a building, building unit, or individual tenant space may be the basis for determining permissible wall sign area. Building Street frontage shall be the sum of all wall lengths associated with such building, building unit, or tenant space parallel to a public street, excluding any such wall length determined by the Planning and Zoning Administrator as unrelated to such building, building unit, or tenant space. For multi-tenant buildings, the street frontage shall be measured from the centerline of the party walls defining the tenant's individual space.

4. **Façade Measurements:** In certain cases, sign area calculations may be based on the length of the façade serving as the building or tenant’s primary or secondary façades. Primary façades shall include any façade that has building street frontage along a public street (as defined above) or any façade that serves as the main entrance to a building or tenant space, regardless of street frontage. All other façades shall be considered secondary façades for the purposes of this article. A building or tenant space may have multiple primary façades and secondary façades. When a site has primary and secondary façades herein, the Planning and Zoning Administrator shall determine which façades shall serve as the primary façades and which shall be the secondary façades, as applicable. Façade length shall be the sum of all wall lengths associated with said façade. For multi-tenant buildings, façade length shall be measured from the centerline of the party walls defining the tenant’s individual space.

Primary and Secondary Façades



Section 2. SECTION 12.07- REGULATIONS FOR PERMITTED SIGNS is hereby amended as follows:

Section 12.07 Regulations for Permitted Signs

The following conditions shall apply to all signs erected or located in the specified zoning district(s):

R-1, R-2, R-3, R-MN, R-MF and H-M Districts:

Sign Type	R-1, R-2, R-3, R-MN, R-MF and H-M Districts (Single-family, duplex, and multi-plex lots only)	R-1, R-2, R-3, R-MN, R-MF and H-M Districts (Residential Developments [e.g., subdivisions, site condominiums, multi-family, and mobile home parks] and Non-Residential Uses only)
Awning/ Canopy Signs	Not Permitted	Maximum Number: One (1) sign per awning/canopy. Maximum Area: 15 square feet per sign. Individual signs greater than 15 sq. ft. may be permitted by allocating permitted wall signage allowances, below, to the awning/canopy sign.
Ground Signs	Not Permitted	Maximum Number: One (1) per street frontage. If an individual parcel has frontage that exceeds 300 linear feet on any given street, a total of one (1) additional ground sign may be permitted. Ground signs on a single parcel shall be separated by a minimum of 100 feet. Minimum Setback: 3 feet from right of way. Increase setback by 0.5 foot for every 0.5 foot of height increase above 5 feet (up to a maximum of 6 feet).
• Monument Signs	Not Permitted	Maximum Height: 6 feet Maximum Area: 32 square feet

• Decorative Post Signs	Not Permitted	Maximum Height: 5 feet Maximum Area: 24 square feet
Projecting Signs	Not Permitted	Maximum Number: One (1) projecting sign per public entrance, minimum separation of 20 feet between projecting signs on a single façade. Maximum Area: 10 square feet per individual sign
Wall Signs	Not Permitted	Maximum Total Sign Area per Façade: Street Frontage/Primary Façade: 1.5 square feet of sign area per lineal feet of building street frontage or primary façade length, not to exceed a total of 100 square feet for each street-fronting façade or primary façade. Secondary Façade: 1.5 square feet of sign area per lineal feet of secondary façade length, not to exceed 75 square feet. Painted Wall Signs: Refer to Section 12.05(7)
Window Signs	Maximum Area: 25% of the window area.	
Temporary Signs	Maximum Height: 4 feet Maximum Area: 16 square feet total Minimum Setback: 2 feet from right of way or any lot line.	Maximum Number: One (1) per street frontage. One (1) per parcel with no street frontage Maximum Height: 4 feet Maximum Area: 16 square feet Minimum Setback: 2 feet from any lot line.

B-1 Neighborhood Business District; B-2 Community Business District; B-3 Regional Business Districts; CC City Center District; and MUI Mixed Use Innovation Districts.

Sign Type	B-1, B-2, B-3, CC, and MUI Districts
Awning/ Canopy Signs	Maximum Number: One (1) sign per awning/canopy. Maximum Area: 15 square feet per sign. Individual signs greater than 15 square feet may be permitted by allocating permitted wall signage allowances, below, to the awning/canopy sign.
Ground Signs	Maximum Number: One (1) per street frontage per parcel. If a parcel has frontage that exceeds 300 linear feet on any given street, a total of one (1) additional ground sign may be permitted. Ground signs on a single parcel shall be separated by a minimum of 100 feet. Minimum Setback: 3 feet from right of way. Increase setback by 0.5 foot for every 0.5 foot of height increase above 5 feet (up to a maximum of 8 feet). No sign shall be located closer than 30 feet to any property line of an adjacent residential district.
• Monument Signs	Maximum Height: 8 feet Maximum Area: 0.5 square foot per each lineal foot of lot frontage to a maximum of 60 square feet in area, whichever is less
• Decorative Post Signs	Maximum Height: 5 feet Maximum Area: 24 square feet
Projecting Signs	Maximum Number: One (1) per public entrance, minimum separation of 20 feet between projecting signs on a single façade. Maximum Area: 10 square feet per individual sign.
Wall Signs	Maximum Total Sign Area per Façade: Street Frontage/Primary Façade: 1.5 square feet of total sign area per lineal feet of building street frontage or primary façade length, not to exceed a total of 100 square feet per street-fronting façade or primary façade. Buildings/Tenants with an individual building street frontage or primary facade length in excess of 200 feet, or whose primary facade is set back more than 150 feet from the right-of-way line of the

adjacent street, shall be permitted a total wall area bonus of 25% along such frontage/façade, not to exceed 150 square feet per facade.

Secondary Façade: 1.5 square feet of sign area per lineal feet of secondary façade length, not to exceed 100 square feet.

Painted Wall Signs: Refer to [Section 12.05\(7\)](#)

Window Signs	Maximum Area: 25% of the window area. In an enclosed building where the public is not allowed in the building and where food is offered to the public through a window for immediate consumption the maximum coverage shall be 50 percent.
Temporary Signs	Maximum Number: One (1) per street frontage. One (1) per parcel with no street frontage. Maximum Height: 4 feet Maximum Area: 16 square feet Minimum Setback: 2 feet from right of way or any lot line.

O-1 Office District:

Sign Type	O-1 Districts
Awning/ Canopy Signs	Maximum Number: One (1) sign per awning/canopy. Maximum Area: 15 square feet per sign. Individual signs greater than 15 square feet may be permitted by allocating permitted wall signage allowances, below, to the awning/canopy sign.
Ground Signs	Maximum Number: One (1) per street frontage of a lot or development. Maximum Height: 8 feet Maximum Area: 0.5 square foot per each lineal foot of lot frontage to a maximum of 48 square feet in area. Minimum Setback: 3 feet from all lot lines. No sign shall be located closer than 30 feet to any property line of an adjacent residential district. Increase setback by 0.5 foot for every 0.5 foot of height increase above 5 feet (up to a maximum of 8 feet).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monument Signs 	Maximum Height: 8 feet Maximum Area: 48 square feet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decorative Post Signs 	Maximum Height: 5 feet Maximum Area: 24 square feet
Projecting Signs	Maximum Number: One (1) per public entrance, minimum separation of 20 feet between projecting signs on a single façade. Maximum Area: 10 square feet per individual sign.
Wall Signs	Maximum Total Sign Area per Façade: Street Frontage/Primary Façade: 1.5 square feet of total sign area per lineal feet of building street frontage or primary façade length, not to exceed a total of 75 square feet per tenant per street-fronting façade or primary facade. Buildings/Tenants with an individual building street frontage or primary façade length in excess of 200 feet, or whose primary facade is set back more than 150 feet from the right-of-way line of the adjacent street, shall be permitted a total wall area bonus of 25% along such frontage/façade, not to exceed 125 square feet per facade. Secondary Façade: 1.5 square feet of sign area per lineal feet of secondary façade length, not to exceed 75 square feet Painted Wall Signs: Refer to Section 12.05(7)
Window Signs	Maximum Area: 25% of the window area.
Temporary Signs	Maximum Number: One (1) per street frontage. One (1) per parcel with no street frontage. Maximum Height: 4 feet Maximum Area: 16 square feet Minimum Setback: 2 feet from right of way or any lot line.

M-1 Light Industrial District; and M-2 Heavy Industrial Districts:

Sign Type	M-1 and M-2 Districts
Awning/ Canopy Signs	Maximum Number: One (1) sign per awning/canopy. Maximum Area: 15 square feet per sign. Individual signs greater than 15 square feet may be permitted by allocating permitted wall signage allowances, below, to the awning/canopy sign.
Ground Signs	Maximum Number: One (1) per street frontage per parcel. If a parcel has frontage that exceeds 300 linear feet on any given street, a total of one (1) additional ground sign may be permitted. Ground signs on a single parcel shall be separated by a minimum of 100 feet. No sign shall be located closer than 30 feet to any property line of an adjacent residential district. Minimum Setback: 5 feet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monument Signs 	Maximum Height: 8 feet Maximum Area: 0.5 square foot per each lineal foot of lot frontage to a maximum of 60 square feet in area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decorative Post Signs 	Maximum Height: 5 feet Maximum Area: 24 square feet
Projecting Signs	Maximum Number: One (1) per public entrance, minimum separation of 20 feet between projecting signs on a single façade. Maximum Area: 10 square feet per individual sign.
Wall Signs	Maximum Total Sign Area per Façade: Street Frontage/Primary frontage: 1.5 square feet of sign area per lineal feet of building street frontage or primary façade length, not to exceed a total of 150 square feet per tenant per street-facing façade or primary façade. Buildings/Tenants with an individual building street frontage or primary façade length in excess of 200 feet, or whose primary façade is set back more than 150 feet from the right-of-way of the adjacent street shall be permitted a total wall area bonus of 25% along such frontage/façade, not to exceed 175 square feet per façade. Secondary Façade: 1.5 square feet of sign area per lineal feet of secondary façade length, not to exceed 100 square feet Painted Wall Signs: Refer to Section 12.05(7)
Window Signs	Maximum Area: 25% of the window area.
Temporary Signs	Maximum Number: One (1) per street frontage. One (1) per parcel with no street frontage. Maximum Height: 4 feet Maximum Area: 16 square feet Minimum Setback: 2 feet from right of way or any lot line.

Section 3. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Severability

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

Section 5. Savings

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

Section 6. Effective Date

This ordinance as ordered shall take effect ten (10) days after its adoption and upon publication.

Section 7. Enactment

A copy of this ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the City Clerk’s office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days.

Roslyn Grafstein, Mayor

Cheryl Rottmann, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I, Cheryl Rottmann, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Madison Heights, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Madison Heights City Council at their Regular Meeting held on _____, 2024.

Cheryl Rottmann, City Clerk

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