- Billboards shall not exceed 60 feet in height from the adjacent grade.
- 5. Billboards shall not be erected on the roof of any building.
- Billboards with any form of changeable messages, including but not limited to mechanical or electronic means, shall 6. conform to the timing requirements contained in Section 12.05(11).
- Billboards may be considered a principal or secondary use of a parcel. While billboards may be permitted on the same 7. parcel as an existing principal structure or principal use, in all cases, billboards shall be subject to the minimum principal building yard setbacks and maximum lot coverage standards of the zoning district in which the parcel is located, per Article 4.
- Nonconforming billboards shall be subject to the standards of Section 12.09.

Section 12.09 **Nonconforming Signs**

- **Intention.** It is the intention of this section to encourage eventual elimination of signs that, as a result of the adoption of this section, become nonconforming. It is considered as much a subject of health, safety, and welfare as the prohibition of new signs in violation of this section. It is the intention, therefore, to administer this section to realize the removal of illegal, nonconforming signs and to avoid any unreasonable invasion of established private property rights by providing for removal of nonconforming signs.
- Lawful Existing Signs. Any sign lawfully existing at the time of adoption of this Article which does not fully comply with all provisions shall be considered a legal nonconforming sign and may be permitted to remain as long as the sign is properly maintained, there is no increase in nonconformity, and the sign is not detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the community except as hereafter provided.
- Continuance. A nonconforming sign may be continued but shall be maintained in good condition, and shall not be:
 - Α. Replaced by another nonconforming sign.
 - B. Rebuilt or re-erected after it has been removed or destroyed for any reason.
 - Structurally altered so as to prolong the life of the sign, including modifications to cabinets, support structures, and framing elements. A sign face change is permitted on a non-conforming sign if there are no other structural modifications. However, a static panel on a nonconforming sign shall not be replaced with an electronic message board.
 - D. Expanded or substantially added to, changed, or reconstructed after damage or destruction if the estimated expense of reconstruction exceeds 50 percent of the estimated replacement cost.
- Alteration. No nonconforming sign shall be altered or reconstructed, unless the alteration or reconstruction follows the provisions of this Article. For the purpose of this Article only, the term "altered" or "reconstructed" shall not include normal maintenance; ornamental molding, frames, trellises or ornamental features or landscaping below the base line; or the addition, construction, installation or changing of electrical wiring or electrical devices, backgrounds, letters, figures or characters or other embellishments. Nonconforming signs and sign structures shall be removed or made to conform within ninety (90) days of the termination of the use to which they are accessory.
- Removal of Nonconforming Signs. Nonconforming signs shall be removed if the site or building on the same parcel as the sign is demolished, redeveloped, or reconstructed in a manner that requires major site plan approval, per Section 15.04.



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