

Subd. 11. Sign Regulations.

All signs hereafter erected or maintained, except official, public traffic, and street signs, shall conform with the provisions of this Subdivision and other provisions of the City Code or regulation of the City.

A. General Provisions For All Districts. The following regulations shall apply to all signs hereafter permitted in all Districts:

Source: Ordinance No. 130
Effective Date: 12-24-1971

1. Signs shall not be permitted within the public right-of-way or easements except a name plate sign erected under a store front canopy near the entrance identifying a place of business, provided such sign does not exceed 18" x 48" and such sign shall be limited to one (1) for a lot of fifty (50) foot frontage or less. Such sign may be illuminated.

Source: Ordinance No. 55, 3rd Series
Effective Date: 05-15-1985

- a. Any sign which is suspended from or forming part of a canopy, awning, mansard roof, which sign does not extend more than 24 inches into the right-of-way, and sign is erected parallel with the building, sign and structure shall be of a height not less than eight (8) feet from the sidewalk or ground grade line.

Source: Ordinance No. 98, 3rd Series
Effective Date: 04-30-1993

2. Flashing or rotating signs resembling emergency vehicles shall not be permitted in any district.
3. No sign shall be placed that resembles any official marker erected by a governmental agency or displaying such words as "stop" or "danger".
4. No sign shall be permitted to obstruct any door, fire escape, stairway or opening intended to provide access to any building or structure.
5. Upon notification by the Council or Zoning Administrator that a sign is rotted, unsafe or unsightly, the owner of said sign or owner of property thereunder shall remove or repair same.
6. The owner, lessee or manager of any ground sign and the owner of the land on which the same is located shall keep grass or weeds and other growth cut and

debris and rubbish cleaned up and removed from the lot on which a sign is located.

Source: Ordinance No. 5, 3rd Series
Effective Date: 01-17-1980

7. Campaign Signs. Non-commercial campaign signs of any size may be posted in any number from August 1 in a State general election year until 10 days following the State general election. The subject matter of a campaign sign must relate to an election in which a candidate is running or issue to be decided.

Source: Ordinance No. 165, 3rd Series
Effective Date: 11-20-2005

8. Rotating signs or flashing signs shall not be permitted.

B. Signs in R-1 and R-2 Residential Districts: No sign shall be erected in any R-1 or R-2 District except:

Source: Ordinance No. 130
Effective Date: 12-24-1971

1. A nameplate sign identifying the owner or occupant of a building or dwelling unit, provided such sign does not exceed six (6) square feet in surface area and five (5) feet in height. Such signs may be illuminated.

Source: Ordinance No. 139, 3rd Series
Effective Date: 05-19-2000

2. A sign pertaining to the lease or sale of the building or property, provided such sign does not exceed four (4) square feet in surface area. Such signs shall not be illuminated.
3. A temporary sign identifying an engineer, architect, contractor or product engaged in or used in the construction of a building, provided such sign does not exceed four (4) square feet in surface area and is removed prior to the occupancy of the building. Such sign shall not be illuminated.
4. (Repealed by Ordinance No. 41, 3rd Series, adopted 02-22-1984.)
5. Public street identification signs, traffic signs, and directional signs in any parking area where such signs are necessary for the orderly movement of traffic.

C. Signs in "CB" and "C-1" Districts: Signs may be erected in Commercial Districts subject to the following provisions:

1. The total surface area of all business signs on a lot shall not exceed two (2) square feet per lineal foot of lot frontage or ten (10) percent of the building frontage area, or seventy-five (75) square feet in area, whichever is greater. Signs may be illuminated.
2. (Repealed by Ordinance No. 147, 3rd Series, adopted 12-10-2002).
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5. For corner lots, the "frontage" used to determine allowable sign area shall be the least dimension along a street, but an equivalent sign area shall be allowed facing the intersecting street.
6. No sign shall project higher than six (6) feet above the height of the building, or thirty-two (32) feet above average grade at the building line, whichever is greater.
7. Signs painted on a building shall be governed by the square footage limitations specified above. Such signs shall be maintained in good condition and shall be repainted, removed, or painted out when, in the opinion of the Council and/or Zoning Administrator, they are not so maintained.
8. Where a sign is illuminated, the source of light shall not be visible from any public right-of-way, and such light shall be directed away from any Residential District.

Source: Ordinance No. 130
Effective Date: 12-24-1971

9. Billboard - Off Premise Signs shall not be a permitted use in "CB" and "C-1" Zoning Districts.

Source: Ordinance No. 147, 3rd Series
Effective Date: 12-20-2002

D. (Repealed by Ordinance No. 147, 3rd Series, adopted 12-10-2002).

E. Signs in the "I-1" and "I-2" Districts. Signs may be erected in Industrial Districts subject to the following provisions: The total surface area of all business signs, including billboard-off premise signs on a lot shall not exceed two (2) square feet per lineal foot of lot frontage of twenty (20) percent of the building frontage area

or three hundred (300) square feet in area, whichever is greater. Such signs may be illuminated.

1. Billboard-Off Premise signs may be erected in “I-1” and “I-2” Zoning Districts.
2. Billboard-Off Premise sign structures shall not be erected within 500 feet of any picnic area, rest areas, playground, or park, in any direction.
3. Billboard-Off Premise sign structures shall not be erected within 500 feet of any existing Billboard-Off Premise sign structures on the same side of the highway and 250 feet between signs on the opposite side of the highway.
4. Billboard-Off Premise sign structures shall not be erected within 400 feet of the “CB” Central Business District.
5. Billboard-Off Premise sign structures shall not contain more than one sign surface, and shall not exceed 300 square feet in sign surface area. (Back to back signs will be allowed).
6. Billboard-Off Premise sign structures shall not exceed 30 feet in height as measured from the established grade.

Source: Ordinance No. 147, 3rd Series

Effective Date: 12-20-2002