

DIVISION 2. - SIGN REGULATIONS

Sec. 32-250.23. - Sign permits—Generally.

7. *Permit not required.* The following signs shall be subject to the standards of this Division but shall not require a sign permit. Unless otherwise expressly required by the proffers or conditions of a rezoning, proffer amendment, or special use permit, the following signs may be erected, constructed, posted, painted, altered, or relocated without a sign permit:

- (a) Displays of letters and numbers indicating a property's address located on a building or structure not exceeding a sign area of six (6) square feet.
- (b) Changes to the sign face where there is no change to the sign structure, including no change in the sign face area, height, location, or alteration of the sign cabinet, if applicable. An example includes, but is not limited to, the replacement or repainting of a sign face.
- (c) Changes of copy on changeable copy signs and electronic message board signs.
- (d) A-frame (portable). Signs located 50 feet or more from the nearest public street, with a maximum sign area of 12 square feet and a maximum height of four (4) feet.

Example provided below:



- (e) Pavement markings, which include signs applied directly and entirely to and flush with an asphalt, concrete, or similar paved surface.
- (f) Window signs. All window signs shall meet the following standards:
 - (1) Window signs shall be permitted in commercial, office, and industrial districts, and shall not occupy more than 25 percent of the aggregate area on each window or glass door.

- (2) Window signs are those visible outside the window that are attached to or located within 18 inches in front of or behind the surface of a window or glass door.

Yard signs (g) Signs in commercial, or industrial zoned districts that are actively marketed for sale, rent, or lease are permitted as follows:

- (1) Not more than one sign (freestanding, banner, or a-frame) with a total area up to twelve (12) square feet and for freestanding signs, a maximum height of six (6) feet when the sign abuts a road with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less, and when the sign abuts a road with a speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour, not more than one sign with a total area of up to thirty two (32) square feet and for freestanding signs, a maximum height of eight (8) feet, except in areas that are within the Highway Corridor Overlay District, County Code section 32-503.12, where the total area shall not exceed twenty four (24) square feet, and for freestanding signs, a maximum height of eight (8) feet. Such sign(s) must be removed within fourteen days of the settlement, rental, or lease of the property.

(h) Signs in agricultural and residential zoning districts that are actively marketed for sale, rent, or lease are permitted as follows:

- (1) Not more than one sign (freestanding,) with a total area up to twelve (12) square feet, a maximum height of six (6) feet when the sign abuts a road with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less, and when the sign abuts a road with a speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour, not more than one sign with a total area of up to thirty two (32) square feet, a maximum height of eight (8) feet, except in areas that are within the Highway Corridor Overlay District, County Code section 32-503.12, where the total area shall not exceed twenty four (24) square feet, and a maximum height of eight (8) feet. Such sign(s) must be removed within fourteen days of the settlement, rental, or lease of the property.

(i) Signs during active construction or alterations to commercial, and industrial buildings are permitted as follows:

- (1) Not more than one sign with a total area up to thirty two (32) square feet, and for freestanding sign a maximum height of eight (8) feet when the sign abuts a road with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less, and when the sign abuts a road with a speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour not more than one sign with a total area of up to sixty (60) square feet and for freestanding sign, a maximum height of ten (10) feet. All signs must be removed within 14 days following completion of the construction of the development site or section of the subdivision, as determined by the Zoning Administrator, and no sign may be displayed for more than two years from the date of the issuance of the first building permit for the development. If construction has not been completed within this timeframe and building permits are

active for the development, a sign permit is required to allow the continued display of any sign.

(j) Signs during active construction or alterations to a multifamily, or single-family attached residential buildings are permitted as follows:

(1) Not more than one sign with a total area up to thirty two (32) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet when the sign abuts a road with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less, except for an individual single-family dwelling unit (see below), and when the sign abuts a road with a speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour not more than one sign with a total area of up to sixty (60) square feet and a maximum height of ten (10) feet, except for an individual single-family dwelling unit (see below). All signs must be removed within 14 days following completion of the construction of the development site or section of the subdivision, as determined by the Zoning Administrator, and no sign may be displayed for more than two years from the date of the issuance of the first building permit for the development. If construction has not been completed within this timeframe and building permits are active for the development, a sign permit is required to allow the continued display of any sign.

(k) Signs during active construction or alternations to a single-family detached dwelling unit are permitted as follows:

(1) One freestanding sign, regardless of the speed limit, not to exceed six (6) square feet in area, and a maximum of (5) feet in height are allowed. No sign can be displayed before commencement of the improvement or renovation work, and the sign must be removed within seven days after the improvement or renovation is completed with all necessary inspections approved, or within six months, whichever is less.

(l g) Yard Signs: A residential use or residential project shall be permitted three (3) yard signs per 1,000 linear feet of road frontage, separated by a minimum of 250 feet. Each sign shall have a maximum sign area of six (6) square feet and shall have a maximum height of five (5) feet.

These signs are intended to be temporary in use, and shall be the responsibility of the property owner for maintenance in accordance with County Code section 32-250.26. Examples of yard signs provided below:



(m_h) A clearance sign which indicates only the maximum height allowable to safely navigate a drive-in lane or travelway shall be permitted. The clearance sign shall not exceed three (3) square feet and shall

be excluded from the allowable sign area permitted on the property.

(n †) General maintenance, painting, repainting, cleaning and other normal maintenance and repair of a sign or any sign structure, unless a structural change is made.

(o †) Signs associated with a public institution installed on public property.

(p ✕) A display of less than two square feet in area shall be considered a sign, however, does not require a sign permit.