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# Commercial & Residential Signs

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## TEMPORARY SIGNS

### Residential Districts

1. 6 sf of temporary signage is allowed for up to 90 days.
2. An additional 6 sf is permitted for residential properties listed for sale or lease.
3. A 5' minimum setback is required for temporary signs.

### Commercial Districts

1. A permit & fee is required for temporary signs in commercial districts.
2. Each temporary sign period may not exceed 14 days. 6 periods are allowed for each business or tenant space in a 12 month period.
3. Temporary signs cannot exceed 35 sf and 6' in height. Sign area can be distributed amongst several signs not to exceed a total of 35 sf, however, they must be separated by a minimum of 10'.
4. The minimum setback for temporary signs is 5 feet from the property line.
5. No temporary sign may be located on or extend over public property (right-of-way). If found, signs will be removed at the expense of the responsible party.

## GROUND MOUNTED SIGNS

1. Sign bases must be constructed of materials similar to the principle building, and must be predominately brick, stone, block, etc.
2. Minimum setback for ground mounted signage is 5', which allows a 25 sf sign. Sign area may be increased 5 sf for each 1' of additional setback, up to a total of 75 sf.

Setback (Feet)	Height (Feet)	Area (Square Feet)
5	5	25
6	6	30
7	7	35
8	8	40
9	9	45
10	10	50
11	11	55
12	12	60
13	13	65
14	14	70
15	15	75

## BUILDING MOUNTED SIGNS

1. Building sign area is allowed up to 1.5 sf per lineal foot of building frontage, up to a maximum of 100 sf. If the sign has a setback greater than 250', 2 sf per lineal foot of building frontage, up to a maximum of 200 sf, is allowed.
2. All building signs shall be principally comprised of channel letters with minimum 1" thickness. Push through or routed letters, if internally illuminated, are permitted.
3. For the purpose of displaying, letters, symbols, or logos, no more than 25% of the total sign area may be allotted to an awning or capsule sign.

3. Maximum height for ground mounted signage is 5' with a 5' setback. Sign height may be increased 1' for each additional 1' setback, up to a maximum height of 15'.
4. If a frontage is more than 500', up to 150 sf of sign area is allowed, however, signs must be a minimum of 50' apart.
5. If more than one tenant name is displayed on a ground mounted sign, a consistent background color must be utilized.
6. Event centers, convenience stores, schools, and churches are permitted to have changeable copy, however, there are some restrictions.
7. In residential districts, churches, schools, and other public uses are permitted 35 sf of ground mounted sign area.

