

ARTICLE H

SIGNS

SECTION 9-1-25 SIGNS

- (a) Permit Required. No sign shall hereafter be located, erected, moved, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, converted or structurally altered without a sign permit, except those signs excepted in subsection (b) below and without being in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance. The sign shall also meet all the structural requirements of the Building Code. Application for a sign permit may be obtained from Village President or Clerk. Permit will be issued by Village President.
- (b) All signs are prohibited in the R1, R2, and A districts except the following:
1. Signs over show windows or doors of a non-conforming business establishment announcing without display or elaboration only the name and occupation of the proprietor and not to exceed one (1) foot in height and three (3) feet in length.
 2. Real estate signs not to exceed six (6) square feet in area which advertise the sale, rental or lease of the premises upon which said signs are temporarily located.
 3. Name, occupation and warning signs not to exceed two (2) square feet located on the premises.
 4. Unlighted signs and bulletin boards of up to fifteen (15) square feet for public, charitable or religious announcements; provided that all such signs must be located directly on the premises involved and at least eight (8) feet from the nearest sidewalk, or street if sidewalk does not exist.
 5. Memorial or historical signs, tablets, name of buildings and date of erection when cut into any masonry surface or when constructed of metal and affixed flat against a structure.
 6. Official signs, such as traffic control, parking restrictions, information and notices.

7. Approved event signs or banners, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet shall have the following time frame restrictions:
Erected no more than four (4) weeks prior to event; removed within five (5) days following last day of event.

(c) Signs are permitted in the C, G, and I districts subject to the following restrictions:

1. Wall signs placed against the exterior walls of buildings shall not extend more than six inches outside of a building's wall surface, shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet in area for any one premises and shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height above the mean centerline street grade. Painted wall signs shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet in area for any one premises and shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height above the mean centerline street grade.
2. Projecting signs fastened to, suspended from or supported by structures shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet in area for any one premises, shall not extend more than six (6) feet into any required yard, shall not extend into any public right of way, shall not be less than ten (10) feet from all side lot lines, shall not exceed a height of twenty (20) feet above the mean centerline street grade, and shall not be less than ten (10) feet above the sidewalk nor fifteen (15) feet above a driveway or an alley.
3. Ground signs shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height above the mean centerline street grade, shall meet all yard requirements for the District in which it is located, shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet on one side nor sixty-four (64) square feet on all sides for any one premises.
4. Roof signs are prohibited.
5. Individual letter signage shall be restricted to displaying the name and type of business housed in the building.
6. Any signs containing lewd, indecent or otherwise offensive words, symbols or images are prohibited.
7. Combinations of any of the above signs shall meet all the requirements for the individual sign.

8. Signage in the G District (Institutional) must be commercially created and shall be permitted only on the inside of athletic field fence (for example, outfield fence of baseball park facing the playing field).
 9. Electronic message unit signs may be used only to advertise activities conducted on the premises or to present public service information. The message shall not flash. Any message that remains visible for less than two (2) seconds shall be considered flashing. No animated, blinking or rotating signs shall be permitted.
- (d) Signs shall not resemble, imitate or approximate the shape, size, form or color of railroad or traffic signs, signals or devices. Signs shall not obstruct or interfere with the effectiveness of railroad or traffic signs, signals or devices. No sign shall be erected, relocated or maintained so as to prevent free ingress to or egress from any door, window or fire escape and no sign shall be attached to a standpipe or fire escape. No sign shall be placed so as to obstruct or interfere with traffic visibility.
- (e) Signs lawfully existing at the time of the adoption or amendment of this ordinance may be continued although the use, size or location does not conform with the provisions of this ordinance. However, it shall be deemed a non-conforming use or structure and the provisions of Article I shall apply. If non-conforming sign is removed for any reason, a replacement sign must conform to the provisions of this ordinance.