

Section 145-050 Permitted Signs

All signage described in this section requires a zoning permit.

1. **Residential Zones:** In a residential district, MR District, AACZ, MPRDD, CCSD, R-MH, or any future residential zone which may be created, one (1) sign is permitted for legally existing uses as follows:
 - a. One (1) sign not exceeding four (4) square feet in area is permitted for legally pre-existing home occupations, professional offices, bed and breakfast inns, riding academies, farm stands, and general home occupations. The sign may be either free standing, wall-hung, or a wall sign. A free-standing sign may not exceed a height of eight feet (8') from the ground to the top of the sign.
 - b. One (1) sign not exceeding sixteen (16) square feet in area and ten feet (10') in height for a freestanding sign may be permitted for churches, schools, colleges, farms, public libraries, community buildings, public parks, public playgrounds, public recreation buildings, stadium or athletic field, golf course, nursery, hospitals, nursing homes, convalescent homes, cemeteries, marinas, municipal buildings, and other philanthropic organizations.
 - c. One (1) freestanding sign posted at the entrance to a residential subdivision, multiple-residence development, or active adult community, not to exceed twelve (12) square feet in area and three feet (3') in height noting the name of the complex or development and may include the property's address.
2. **Business, Industrial, Airport, and Motor Vehicle Junkyard Zones:** In a B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, I, IC, RI, Airport and MV zones, and any future non-residential zones which may be established, the following signs are permitted, as follows:
 - a. All signs permitted in residential zones.
 - b. Freestanding signs, provided that only one (1) free-standing sign is allowed per lot. Freestanding sign exceptions: properties where gasoline is legally sold (not to exceed 24 square feet); properties approved to host an off-site sign in accordance with section 145-090; freestanding signs allowed as temporary under section 145-100.
 - i. The maximum allowable area of a freestanding sign shall be determined as follows: the length of the lot frontage multiplied by 0.2 equals the maximum square footage allowable for the surface area of a free standing sign, up to a maximum size of forty (40) square feet in area, with the exception that in the B-4 zone, free standing signs may not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area. Refer to sections 145-090 (Off-Site Signs) and 145-100 (Temporary Advertising Signs) for additional standards.

- ii. The maximum allowable height of a freestanding sign shall be fifteen feet (15') from the ground to the top of such sign unless otherwise specified by these regulations.
 - c. Wall signs and wall hung signs, provided the total area of all wall and wall-hung signs on a building, excluding those exempt signs listed under section 145-030, shall not exceed one (1) square foot for each linear foot of building frontage. In a multi-tenant building the frontage of the tenant unit shall determine the allowed square footage of such sign(s).
 - i. Where a building is located on a lot having frontage on two (2) public streets (corner lot), the maximum total sign area which may be permitted, on or parallel to the building frontage, shall not exceed the provision of subsection c. above. An additional wall sign may be permitted provided that such sign does not exceed one (1) square foot for each linear foot of building frontage to the abutting street and that in no case shall exceed twenty five (25) square feet in total surface area.
- 3. **Village Center Zone:** In the Village Center Zone the following signs are permitted and the following special standards shall apply:
 - a. All signs permitted in residential zones.
 - b. Permitted businesses with a front lawn or front landscape area may choose from either a freestanding sign or a wall sign. The maximum size for either type of sign shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area. The maximum height for a freestanding sign shall be ten feet (10').
 - c. Permitted businesses with buildings that front directly on the sidewalk may choose from either a wall sign or a wall-hung sign. One (1) sign is permitted per business. The maximum size allowed of a wall sign is one (1) square foot of area for each foot of building frontage, not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet. The maximum size of a wall-hung sign, excluding its structure is six (6) square feet, and must be located a minimum of 84 inches from the ground level at its lowest point, and may not project more than 36 inches from the building face.
 - d. No signs, including interior window signs, shall be illuminated or neon with the exception of one (1) interior illuminated "Open" sign not exceeding two (2) square feet in area. Such signs must be turned off when the business is closed and may not flash, blink, oscillate, and/or rotate.
 - e. It is recommended that signage be designed to be consistent with the architectural style, character and composition of the façade of which it is a part.
 - f. Sandwich board signs as permitted by Section 080-040(2)(g) of these regulations.
 - g. In addition to the signs permitted above, one (1) additional wall-hung directory sign up to four (4) square feet in area shall be permitted per business.