

Section 3.11. Sign regulations.

3.11.1. Classification of signs. Only the signs listed and described below shall be permitted subject to the regulations specifically set forth and all other applicable regulations of this Ordinance.

3.11.1.1. Church bulletin boards. One (1) church bulletin board in addition to or in combination with an identification sign as allowed in Section 3.11.1.2, KGZO, not exceeding twenty-four (24) square feet in area, when displayed on the property of the church, provided that when a church faces more than one (1) street, one (1) such church bulletin board may be erected or displayed on each street frontage.

3.11.1.2. Identification signs. The following identification signs may only be erected on the same lot as the activity identified for the purpose of identifying the activity on the lot or premises (name of the business, hours of operation etc...). Such signs are allowed in all districts, per the requirements provided below, but such signs shall not be erected on any residential lot.

- a. The following freestanding identification sign is permitted in the Agricultural Zoning Districts and General dwelling district (R-2) and Multi-family dwelling (R-3) Zoning Districts. A freestanding sign is any sign supported by structures or supports that are placed on or anchored in the ground and that are independent from any building or other structure. Only one such sign shall be allowed on any street frontage and no such sign shall exceed fifty (50) square feet in area.
- b. The following freestanding identification sign is permitted in the Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts. A freestanding sign is any sign supported by structures or supports that are placed on or anchored in the ground and that are independent from any building or other structure. Only one such sign shall be allowed on any street frontage. No such sign shall exceed seventy five (75) square feet in area, plus one (1) additional square foot for each foot of linear street frontage over one hundred (100) feet up to a maximum size of one-hundred and fifty (150) square feet.
- c. The following wall or projecting identification sign is permitted in the Agricultural or General dwelling district (R-2) and Multi-family dwelling Zoning Districts. Any sign supported by structures or supports that are placed on, attached to or mounted on a canopy or the wall or roof of a building or structure. The maximum aggregate size of such sign or signs shall be two (2) square feet for each lineal foot of building frontage up to a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet.
- d. The following wall or projecting identification sign is permitted in the Commercial or Industrial Zoning Districts. Any sign(s) supported by structures or supports that are placed on, attached to or mounted on a canopy or the wall or roof of a building or structure.
 - i. Building-mounted signs on buildings housing only one (1) tenant or multiple tenants that access the building via a common outside entrance(s) shall not exceed two (2) square feet of sign area for each of the first one hundred (100) linear feet of building frontage plus one (1) square foot of sign area for each linear foot over one hundred (100) linear feet of building frontage. No one sign, however, shall have a sign area in excess of two hundred (200) square feet.
 - ii. Building-mounted signs where each tenant has its own outside entrance(s) shall not exceed two (2) square feet of sign area for each linear foot of building frontage occupied by each tenant. The maximum allowable sign area for any one (1) tenant, however, shall not exceed a total of two hundred (200) square feet, except that a tenant, which has building frontage that results in an allowable sign area greater than two hundred (200) square feet and occupies an area with more than one (1) perimeter wall containing a main entrance for use by the general public, may place a maximum of two hundred (200) square feet of allowable sign area on each such perimeter wall; however, in no instance

shall the square footage of signage on any such wall exceed two (2) times the length of such wall.

- iii. Service stations or similar uses shall be allowed one (1) additional square foot of sign area on each gasoline pump for the sole purpose of identifying the specific product dispensed from that pump.
- iv. Signs advertising only the name of the occupant of a store, office or building, the business or occupation conducted or the products sold therein may be placed on show windows, provided that not more than twenty (20) percent of the area of such windows shall be covered.

3.11.1.3 Roadside produce stand signs. Roadside produce stand signs erected on any farm advertising only farm produce sold on the premises are permitted in all agricultural districts. No more than two such signs shall be permitted on any property and they shall not exceed thirty two (32) square feet in area. Signs shall be set back at least 10 feet from the right-of-way and shall not be illuminated. Permit required.

3.11.1.4 Shopping Center, Industrial Park and Office/Professional Center Signs. The following provisions shall apply to shopping center, industrial park, and office/professional center signs. Permit required.

- a. One freestanding sign identifying the center or park shall be permitted on any street frontage. A freestanding sign is any sign supported by structures or supports that are placed on, or anchored in, the ground and that are independent from any building or other structure. The maximum size of such sign shall be one hundred (100) square feet, plus one (1) additional square foot for each foot of linear street frontage over one hundred (100) feet, up to a maximum of two hundred and fifty (250) square feet. If a center or park has more than one street frontage, two (2) such signs shall be permitted; provided that the combined square footage shall not exceed the total normally permitted for one sign. No freestanding sign, other than that noted above, shall be permitted for Individual enterprises located within or on the same lot as the center or park.
- b. Wall sign. See Section 3.11.1.2.d.
- c. Each tenant shall also be permitted one identification sign, not to exceed ten (10) square feet in size, on the rear of the building, to identify the tenant, and one under-canopy sign, not to exceed six (6) square feet in size.
- d. Interior directional signs not exceeding six (6) square feet in area.

3.11.1.5 Subdivision sign. Signs not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area for the purpose of identifying a housing development or subdivision, displayed on the property so identified and at least five (5) feet from the street right-of-way. Only one (1) such sign shall be displayed facing any one (1) street on the perimeter of such development or subdivision, except two (2) such signs are permitted at the subdivision's main entrance.

3.11.2. Prohibited signs. The following types of signs unless otherwise specifically permitted are prohibited in all Zoning Districts:

- a. Any sign of which all or any part is in motion by any means, including fluttering, rotating or other moving signs set in motion by movement of the atmosphere.
- b. Any sign, electronic or digital display, with multi-colored flashing or intermittent lights, lights of changing colors or copy in motion. This prohibition shall not apply to sign, electronic or digital display that display date, time, temperature, weather, environmental conditions, or other on-site business information, with messages displayed in intervals of at least ten (10) seconds. Such signs shall only be permitted when the sign does not constitute a public safety or traffic hazard as determined by the zoning administrator.

- c. Any lighting either exposed tubing or strings of lights, either outlining any part of a building affixed to any ornamental feature thereof, except for seasonal holiday displays which are limited to 45 days.
- d. Any sign that obscures or interferes with a sign displayed by a public authority for the purpose of giving traffic instructions or direction or other public information.
- e. Any sign that uses the word “stop” or “danger” or otherwise presents or implies the need or requirement of stopping or caution of the existence of danger or which is a copy or imitation of or which for any reason is likely to be confused with any sign displayed by public authority.
- f. Any sign that obstructs any window, door, fire escape, stairway, ladder, or opening intended to provide light, air, ingress or egress for any building, as required by law, ordinance, rule or regulation.
- g. Any sign or illumination that causes any direct glare into or upon any building other than the building to which the sign may be related.
- h. Any sign that violates any provision of any law of the State relative to outdoor advertising.

3.11.3. Exempted from permit requirement. The following signs are exempt from the provisions of these regulations and may be erected or constructed without a permit but in accordance with the structural and safety requirements of the county’s building code:

- a. Security and warning signs, such as no hunting, no trespassing and warning signs used by a private landowner, which do not exceed two (2) square feet.
- b. Auction signs which do not exceed four (4) square feet to advertise an on-or off-site auction to be conducted. These shall be removed within seven (7) days after date of auction.
- c. Real estate signs pertaining only to the sale or lease of the lot or structure on the lot upon which the sign is erected are permitted in all districts. Only one such sign shall be permitted on a lot except that lots in excess of 10 acres may have a maximum of two such signs. Real estate signs shall be a maximum size of thirty- two (32) square feet except in residential districts where such signs shall be limited to six (6) square feet in area. No Permit required.
- d. One (1) on-site contractor sign not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area and subcontractor's signs not exceeding eight (8) square feet in area each, when displayed on the premises upon which building operations are being conducted, provided such signs shall be removed upon completion of the work;
- e. Official traffic signs, memorial signs, historical markers, or other public signs and notices posted or erected by or at the direction of a governmental agency, provided such signs and notices meet all applicable state and federal laws and regulations;
- f. Directional signs which are interior and located on the same premises as a business not exceeding six (6) square feet in area.
- g. A maximum of two (2) banner signs, temporary or permanent, provided such signs shall not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet in combined sign area.
 - a. Banner sign, permanent shall be permanently mounted to a building by a permanent means.
 - b. Banner sign, temporary may be displayed anywhere on the commercial or industrial lot for ninety (90) days from the date of issuance of a new or relocated business' occupancy permit, use permit or final inspection, whichever is latest.
- h. Temporary event signs provided that the sign is located on the lot or premises where the event is to occur and that the maximum size of such signs shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet and that not more than two (2) such signs shall be located on any lot or premises. Temporary signs shall not be permanently attached to a structure nor permanently mounted in the ground. No temporary event sign shall be in place for a period of more than 30 days.
- i. Changing the face or copy on a bulletin board, poster board, display encasement, or marquee provided that the total area and the height of the support is not increased; and
- j. Window signs. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow the placement of any sign, or other structure within the sight distance triangle of a public road or highway or within the minimum setback or above the height limits set forth below and calculated.

3.11.4 Height and setback requirements for all permitted signs. The following provisions shall apply to the height and setback requirements for any permitted sign.

- a. Height. No sign shall exceed a height of 25 feet unless a Special Exception Permit is issued per the requirements of Section 5.4, Zoning Ordinance. The height of a sign shall be computed as the distance from the base of the sign at normal grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign. Normal grade shall be construed to be the lower of ; 1) the existing grade prior to construction or 2) the newly established grade after construction, exclusive of any filling, berming, mounding , or excavating solely for the purpose of locating the sign.
- b. Setback. The minimum setback requirement for all permitted signs less than ten (10) feet in height is 5 feet from the street right-of-way. The minimum setback requirement for signs ten (10) feet or greater in height is fifteen (15) feet from the street right-of-way.

3.11.5 Measurement of sign area. The area of a sign shall be determined by the smallest rectangle, circle or triangle that can be used to enclose the sign, exclusive of supporting members that bear no message. Providing that:

- a. The area of a sign or any portion thereof having a distinctive or ornamental background shall include the area enclosed by such border, and the area enclosed therein.
- b. The area of a sign or any portion thereof having a distinctive or ornamental background , which sets such background apart from a larger surface so that it forms an integral part or element of the sign, as distinguished from a functional part of the building exclusive of such sign, shall include the area of such background.
- c. The area of a freestanding sign or any portion thereof having a background which extends beyond the words, symbols or pictorial elements thereof shall include the area of such background.
- d. The area of a double-face sign, as herein defined, shall be considered to be the area of one face only.

3.11.5. Placement of signs. No sign shall be located so as to cause a hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic nor in any public right-of-way. No sign shall be so located as to interfere with a driver's view at street or driveway intersections.

3.11.5.1. Wall signs. Wall signs may be mounted only within an imaginary rectangle drawn on a continuous building facade unbroken by doors, windows, building angles or other architectural features.

3.11.5.2. Projecting signs. Projecting signs mounted on a wall with faces not parallel to the wall may project not more than four feet and shall be set away from the wall a minimum of six (6) inches but not more than twelve (12) inches. Where projections are over doors or walkways, a minimum vertical clearance of eight (8) feet shall be provided. Where projections are over a travel lane a minimum vertical clearance of fourteen (14) feet shall be provided.

3.11.5.3. Roof signs. Roof signs may be mounted above the eave line of a building in commercial or industrial districts, but shall not project above the roof peak or top of parapet wall.

3.11.5.4. Freestanding signs. Freestanding signs may be erected anywhere on a lot subject to the setback requirements herein.

3.11.6. Unsafe and/or unlawful signs. Whenever the Zoning Administrator determines that any sign has been erected in violation of the terms of this Ordinance, or is unsafe or insecure, such sign shall either be made to conform to all applicable sign regulations or shall be removed at the expense of the owner within 10 days of written notification thereof by the Zoning Administrator.

3.11.7. Nonconforming signs. Sign lawfully existing as of July 21, 1999, which do not conform to the provisions of this article and signs which are accessory to a nonconforming use shall be deemed to be nonconforming signs. Such signs shall not be enlarged, extended or structurally altered, or reconstructed. No nonconforming sign shall be moved on the same site.