

CHAPTER 15

SIGN REGULATIONS

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10-15-1: **DEFINITIONS:** As used in this Chapter, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section:

A-FRAME SIGN: A temporary or removable sign constructed with two (2) sides attached at the top so as to allow the sign to stand in an upright position.

AWNING SIGN: A roofed structure constructed of fabric, metal or other appropriate construction materials placed so as to extend outward from the building, providing a protective shield for doors, windows and other openings in the building, with supports extending back to the building, supported entirely by the building.

**BILLBOARD/
OFF-PREMISES SIGN:** An advertising sign on premises other than occupied by the business or service advertised on the sign and shall not be allowed in any zone, except by conditional use permit. As of March 8, 2005, billboard/off-premises signs are no longer a permitted sign in Providence City (OM 008-2005 03/08/05).

BUSINESS SIGN: A sign identifying a commercial or industrial business on the same premises as the sign by name and/or logo. Business sign types are: ground, low-profile, nameplate, projecting, roof, wall, and billboard/on-premises signs. Business signs must be removed when a company goes out of business.

**ELECTRONIC
MESSAGE SIGN:** An electronic sign which flashes on or rolls a message across it about the services or products of the business and may also have the time and temperature displayed. The message area of the sign may be no larger than forty (40) square feet. The

electronic message sign may be incorporated into a business sign, but may not increase that sign's maximum size or height. Electronic Message Signs will be allowed in permitted zones only after receiving approval for a conditional use. (OM 014-2005)

- FLAT SIGN:** A sign erected parallel to and attached to the outside wall of a building and extending out not more than twenty four inches (24") from such wall, with messages or copy on the face side only. Sign proportion and design should be aesthetically pleasing. Signs flat against buildings or other structures will be allowed to extend two feet (2') above the roof lines or parapet walls of the building. When a building has more than one level, the wall on which the sign is installed will govern.
- GROUND SIGN:** A sign supported by a fixed permanent frame or support in the ground with no support or guying from any building.
- HIGHWAY SIGN:** A sign along Highway 165 (and east along the north side of 100 North for a distance not to exceed twenty-feet (20') from the Logan/Providence boundary on the north side of 100 North) identifying a commercial or industrial business on the same premises as the sign by name and/or logo. It may also identify sponsors and/or products by name and/or logo. It may also include an electronic sign which flashes on or rolls a message across it. The message area of the sign may be no longer than forty-two (42) square feet. Highway signs must be removed when a company goes out of business. Highway signs must have sufficient clearance and/or setback for visibility so as not to create a safety hazard. (Ordinance Modification 006-01 06/26/01)(Ordinance Modification 011-2002 07/23/02)
- HOME BUSINESS:** One unanimated, non-illuminated flat sign, having an area of not more than four square feet. (Ordinance Modification 98-019 10/13/98)
- HOME OCCUPATION:** One unanimated, non-illuminated flat sign, having an area of not more than four square feet. (Ordinance Modification 98-019 10/13/98)
- IDENTIFICATION SIGNS:** A sign displayed to indicate the name or nature of buildings, or industrial uses, located upon the same premises as the sign, i.e., schools, hospitals, churches, etc.

- LOW-PROFILE SIGNS:** On-premises or identification signs having a maximum height of four feet (4'), incorporated into some form of landscape design scheme or planter box.
- MENU SIGNS:** A sign used by the food service industry to display their menu. They must be placed entirely on private property.
- NAMEPLATE SIGNS:** A sign indicating the name and/or occupation of a person or persons residing on the same premises or legally occupying the same premises, or indicating a home occupation legally existing on the premises of the sign.
- PROJECTING SIGN:** A sign attached to a building or other structure and extending in whole or in part more than twenty four inches (24") beyond any wall of the building or structures. The sign may not project above the roof line or tallest part of the structure.
- PROPERTY SIGN:** A sign related to the property upon which it is located and offering such property for sale or lease, or announcing improvements to the site during the construction of the project, Property signs may also be used to warn against trespassers.
- ROOF SIGN:** A sign attached to the roof of any part of the structure. It shall not project above the roof line of the highest building located on the same premises.
- SERVICE SIGN:** A sign which is incidental to a use lawfully occupying the property upon which the sign is located and which sign is necessary to provide information to the public, such as direction to parking lots or location of the restrooms.
- STREET BANNER SIGN:** A temporary fabric sign suspended across a City street. The banner may only advertise a public service event.
- TEMPORARY SIGN:** Any sign, banner, pennant, balloon or advertising display constructed of paper, cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard or other light materials, with or without light frames, intended to be displayed outdoors for short periods of time.
- WALL SIGN:** A sign that is either painted on a wall or its facing, or is painted in such a way that it gives the visual appearance of being painted on a wall or facing by not having a frame or separation from the wall or facing. (Ord. 12-233, 7-22-1997, eff. 8-22-1997)

10-15-2: **PERMIT REQUIRED:** All signs erected, altered, or relocated within the City must be in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter.

10-15-3: **APPLICATION FOR PERMIT:** Forms for a sign permit will be available in the City office during regular business hours. (Ord. 12-233, 7-22-1997, eff. 8-22-1997)

10-15-4: **FEE FOR PERMIT:** Sign permit applications will be reviewed according to a fee schedule established by resolution of the City Council. (Ord. 12-233, 7-22-1997, eff. 8-22-1997)

10-15-5: **PERMITTED SIGNS; TABLE:** The signs described in the table as provided in this Section shall be allowed within the provisions specified therein. Any sign not specifically permitted by this Chapter is prohibited.

Type of Sign	Size In Sq. Ft.	Height Max.	Permitted Zones	Illumination Required	Permit Required
Awning	(note 1)	12	C-1	Indirect	Yes
A-Frame	8	4	C-1	None	No
Billboard/off-premises Not permitted (OM 008-2005 03/08/05)	72	14	None	Indirect	Yes

Electronic (OM 014-2005, 12/13/05)	40	14	CDG (by conditional use)	Projection	Yes
Flat (note 2 and note 5)	200	35	C-1	In-Fl-Ne	Yes
Ground	160	14	C-1	In-Fl-Ne	Yes
Highway (Ordinance Modification 006-01)	222	32	CGD - HWY 165	None	Yes
Home occupation	4 (OM98- 019)	8	All	None	No
Identification	12	8	All	In-Fl	(note 4)

Low-profile	12	8	C-1, R-3	Indirect	Yes
Menu	24	6	C-1	Pr-In	Yes
Nameplate	4	8	All	None	No
Projecting	16	14	C-1	In-FI-Ne	Yes
Property	32	8	All	None	No
Roof (note 2)	160		C-1	In-FI-Ne-Pr	Yes
Service	18	8	All	Indirect	Yes
Temporary (note 3)	45		All	None	No
Wall	6	8	C-1	Indirect	Yes
<p>Note 1: Width cannot exceed frontage of building. Note 2: May not project above roof line. Note 3: Temporary signs must be removed within 24 hours of event. Note 4: Permit not required if no illumination Note 5: Or 20 percent of building face, whichever is smaller. Note 6: Must have a conditional use permit and not any closer than 500 foot intervals</p>					

(Ord. 12-233, 7-22-1997, eff. 8-22-1997)

10-15-6: RULES, REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- A. **Animated, Flashing, Intermittent Signs:** Animated, flashing and intermittent signs shall not be permitted in any zone, except when deemed necessary by the City for public safety. These signs are different than “electronic message signs”, as defined in Section 10-15-1 of this Chapter.
- B. **Construction Standards:** All signs erected in the City shall comply with the current standards of the National Electrical Code, the Uniform Building Code and all the provisions of this Title.
- C. **Illumination:** All signs shall be illuminated as indicated in the table provided in Section 10-5-5 of this Chapter. The source of indirect lighting shall not be visible from the street. In no case shall direct rays of light be permitted to penetrate a property in a residential zone.
- D. **Maintenance:** All signs shall be maintained in a neat and presentable condition. Those signs damaged by weather conditions or by accident shall be repaired within thirty (30) days or shall be replaced or removed. The removal of signs shall be at owner’s expense.

- E. Public Property: No sign shall be located on or in public property.
- F. Unsafe Signs: Any sign or portion thereof declared unsafe by the Building Inspector must be restored to a safe condition within thirty (30) days of mailing or otherwise giving notice of the unsafe condition or shall be removed within the same thirty (30) day period.
- G. Holiday Decorations and Banners: Holiday decorations and banners placed by the City are not subject to the requirements of this Chapter, except that they are safe. Similar decorations and banners placed by residents on private property are not subject to the requirements of this Chapter, except for the consideration for safety and shall not constitute a nuisance, and they shall be entirely on private property.
- H. Traffic Hazard: No sign shall be erected at the intersection of any streets in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision; or at any location where by reason of the position, shape or color it may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device or which makes use of the words "stop", "drive in", "danger": or any other words, phrases, symbols or characters in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic. (Ord. 12-233, 7-22-1997, eff. 8-22-1997)

10-15-7: **PENALTY:** Any person, who hangs, posts or installs a sign which requires a permit under this Chapter and who fails to obtain a permit before installing the sign, shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and subject to penalty as provided in Section 1-4-1 of this Code. (Ord. 12-233, 7-22-1997, eff.8-22-1997)