

CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
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ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS — SECTIONS 2.20, 7.01, AND 7.03 SIGNS	RESOLUTION ◆ ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	CALE BRODERSEN ASSISTANT PLANNER

SYNOPSIS

A public hearing has been scheduled and an ordinance prepared to amend Sections 2.20 (Definitions: S), 7.01 (Sign Regulations), and 7.03 (Other Sign Provisions) of the La Vista Zoning Ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

BACKGROUND

Staff have recently received several inquiries regarding the use of currently prohibited sign types. Staff are proposing zoning text amendments which creates several new sign types and the appropriate circumstances for their use, provides further clarification and cleanup for the requirements and definitions of several existing sign types, and exempts signs for public school facilities from the signage requirements. The primary proposed changes to the signage regulations include:

- Allows for the use of blade signs on multi-story buildings in the Mixed-Use City Centre Zoning District for the following uses: event centers, meeting halls, or public facilities. A blade sign is a type of projecting sign that is particularly effective in areas with heavy foot traffic.
- Provides for the ability to place roof signs that advertise an entire district or development, in addition to a building or use in the Mixed-Use City Centre Zoning District. Roof signs can be helpful in creating a cohesive identity and sense-of-place for a development or district, and would match the overall design style of the Mixed-Use City Centre District well.
- Allows for the use of marquee signs for event centers, meeting halls, or public facilities in the Mixed-Use City Centre District. Marquee signs are a stylized sign type commonly used for theaters and event centers to advertise show times and events, and would be appropriate in the pedestrian-oriented Mixed-Use City Centre District.

- Clarifies that signs for public school facilities are exempt from the signage requirements of the La Vista Zoning Ordinance. Under the current Zoning Ordinance, public schools in residential districts are not able to have wall signs or electronic message boards for ground-monument signs that can help communicate important information to parents or guardians like dates for school closings or events. Signs for public facilities or public/civic events are currently exempt from the signage requirements, and staff conclude that it would be appropriate for public school facilities to be included in this exemption along with public facilities.

Overall, staff believes that the proposed amendments to the signage regulations of the Zoning Ordinance will provide for greater flexibility in the choice of signage types without negatively impacting overall urban design with an overabundance of advertising message.

A redlined version of the proposed changes is attached.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 18, 2020 and unanimously voted to recommend approval of the proposed amendments.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 2.20, 7.01, AND 7.03 OF ORDINANCE NO. 848 (ZONING ORDINANCE); TO REPEAL SECTIONS 2.20, 7.01, AND 7.03 OF ORDINANCE NO. 848 AS PREVIOUSLY ENACTED; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Section 2.20. Section 2.20 of the Ordinance No. 848 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.20 - Definitions: S

SATELLITE DISH ANTENNA shall mean a round, parabolic antenna incorporating a reflective surface that is solid, open mesh, or bar configured and is in the shape of a shallow dish, or cone and used to transmit and/or receive radio or electromagnetic waves.

SCREENING shall mean a structure *or* planting that conceals from view from public ways the area behind such structure or planting.

SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY shall mean a building or group of buildings containing individual, compartmentalized, and controlled access stalls or lockers for storage.

SERVICE STATIONS shall mean buildings and premises where the primary use is the supply and dispensing at retail of motor fuels, lubricants, batteries, tires, and motor vehicle accessories and where light maintenance activities such as engine tune-ups, lubrications, and washing may be conducted, but not including heavy maintenance and repair such as engine overhauls, painting, and body repair.

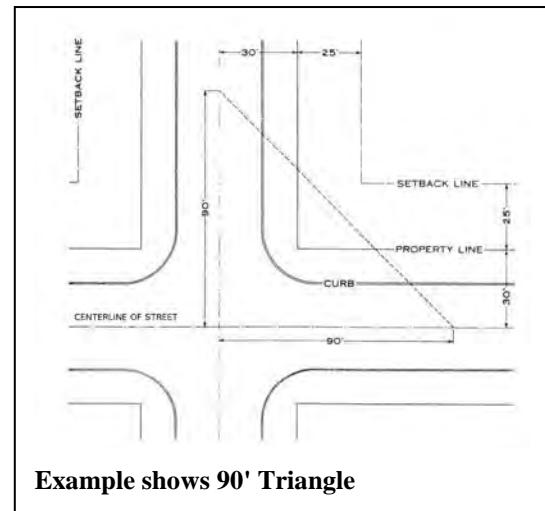
SETBACK, FRONT YARD shall mean the line which defines the depth of the required front yard. Said setback line shall be parallel with the right-of-way line *or other access way.* (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

SETBACK, REAR YARD OR SIDE YARD shall mean the line which defines the width or depth of the required rear or side yard. Said setback line shall be parallel with the property line, *offset* by the perpendicular distance prescribed for the yard in the district. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

SHOPPING CENTER shall mean a group of commercial establishments planned, constructed, and managed as a total entity with customer and employee parking provided on-site, provisions for goods delivery that is separated from customer access, aesthetic considerations, and protection from the elements.

SHOPPING CENTER, COMMERCIAL STRIP shall mean a commercial development, usually one store deep, that fronts on a major street for a distance of one city block or more. Includes individual buildings on their own lots, with or without on-site parking and small linear shopping centers with shallow on-site parking in front of the stores.

SHOPPING CENTER, OUTLET shall mean a commercial development that consists mostly of manufacturers' outlet stores selling their own brands at a discounted price. This definition includes all forms of centers, such as strip style, enclosed mall style, and village clustered style centers.



SIGHT TRIANGLE is an area at a street intersection in which nothing shall be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner as to materially impede vision between a height of two-and-a-half (2 1/2) feet and ten (10) feet above the grades of the bottom of the curb of the intersecting streets, measured from the point of intersection of the centerline of the streets, sixty (60) feet in each direction along the centerline of the streets. At the intersection of major or *other* arterial streets, the sixty (60) foot distance shall be increased to ninety (90) feet for each arterial leg of the intersection. (*Ordinance No. 891, 2-04-03*)

SIGN shall mean and include any outdoor display, declaration, device, figure, drawing, illustration, message, placard, poster, billboard, insignia, or other things which are designed, intended, or used for direction, information, identification, or to advertise, to inform, or to promote any business, product activity, service, or any interest, except the following:

Signs less than fifty (50) square feet in area and less than twenty-five (25) feet in height of a public or quasi-public nature or other official notices that are authorized by the State of Nebraska, City of La Vista,

or a Federal Government Agency, directional, informational, or other official signs or notices authorized by law.

SIGN, ANIMATED shall mean any sign that uses movement or change of lighting to depict action or create a special effect or scene.

SIGN AREA shall refer to that portion of a sign on which copy can be placed but not including the minimal supporting framework or bracing. The area of individually painted letter signs, individual letter signs or directly or indirectly illuminated individual letter signs, shall be calculated on the basis of the smallest geometric figure that will enclose the entire copy area of the sign. Any such calculation shall include the areas between the letters and lines, as well as the areas of any devices, illuminated or non-illuminated. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

SIGN, AUDIBLE shall mean any sign that conveys either a written message supported by an audible noise including music, spoken message, and / or sounds to attract attention to the sign. Audible signs also include signs conveying only the audible noise including music, spoken message, and / or sounds to attract attention.

SIGN, BANNER shall mean any sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is permanently mounted to a pole or building by a permanent frame at one or more edges. National flags, state or municipal flags, or official flag of any institution or business shall not be considered banners. Banner signs shall not represent a commercial message.

SIGN, BILLBOARD shall mean a sign that identifies or communicates a commercial or noncommercial message related to an activity conducted, a service rendered, or a commodity sold at a location other than where the sign is located.



Sign, Banner

SIGN, BLADE shall mean a type of projecting sign that is perpendicular to the building, meant to gain visibility for large buildings, or to direct traffic within a pedestrian-oriented development.

SIGN, BUILDING MARKER shall mean any sign indicating the name of a building and date and incidental information about its construction, which sign is cut into a masonry surface or made of bronze or other permanent material.

SIGN, CANOPY shall mean any sign that is a part of or attached to an awning, canopy, or other fabric, plastic, or structural protective cover over a door, entrance, window, or outdoor service area. A marquee is not a canopy. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)



Sign, Canopy

SIGN, CENTER IDENTIFICATION shall mean any sign erected to provide direction to a development including multiple uses and / or structures within the development. Center Identification signs shall include the name of said development and may include the names of major tenants of the development. Center Identification Signs shall typically be similar to Ground (Monument) signs. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

SIGN, CONSTRUCTION shall mean a temporary sign identifying an architect, engineer, contractor, subcontractor, and/or building material supplier who participates in construction on the property on which the sign is located. (*Ordinance No. 871, 10-15-02*); (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

SIGN, ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD shall mean any sign capable of displaying words, symbols, figures, or images that can be electronically or mechanically changed by remote or automatic means. *(Ordinance No. 1144, 5-17-11)*

SIGN, FLASHING shall mean a sign, which, by method or manner of illumination, flashes on or off, winks or blinks, shows motion, or creates the illusion of being on or off.

SIGN, FREESTANDING shall mean any sign supported by uprights or braces placed on or in the ground, which is used principally for advertising or identification purposes and is not supported by any building.

SIGN, IDENTIFICATION shall mean a sign giving the nature, logo, trademark, or other identifying symbol; address; or any combination of the name, symbol, and address of a building, business, development, or establishment on the premises where it is located.

SIGN, ILLUMINATED shall mean a sign illuminated in any manner by an artificial light source.

SIGN, INCIDENTAL shall mean a sign, generally informational, that has a purpose secondary to the use of the zone lot on which it is located, such as "no parking," "entrance," "loading only," "telephone," and other similar directives. No sign with a commercial message legible from a position off the zone lot on which the sign is located shall be considered incidental. Incidental signs may be attached or painted on the wall, or they may be freestanding signs. *(Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)*

SIGN, MARQUEE shall mean a sign affixed to or made a part of any permanent roof-like structure projecting beyond a building or extending along and projecting beyond the wall of the building, generally designed and constructed to provide protection from the weather.

SIGN, MONUMENT shall mean a sign mounted directly to the ground with a maximum height not to exceed ten (10) feet.

SIGN, NAMEPLATE shall mean a sign not exceeding two (2) square feet for each dwelling.

SIGN, NONCONFORMING shall mean any sign that does not conform to the requirements of this ordinance

SIGN, OFF-PREMISES shall mean a sign including the supporting sign structure which directs the attention of the general public to a business, service, or activity not usually conducted, or a product not offered or sold, upon the premises where such sign is located.

SIGN, ON-PREMISE shall mean a sign, display, or device-advertising activities conducted on the property on which such sign is located.

SIGN, PENNANT shall mean any lightweight plastic, fabric, or other material, whether or not containing a message of any kind, suspended from a rope, wire, or string, usually in series, designed to move in the wind.

SIGN, POLE shall mean a sign that is mounted on a freestanding pole or other support so that the bottom edge of the sign face is six (6) feet or more above grade.



Sign, Monument
Sign, Electronic Message
Sign, Flashing



Sign, Monument

SIGN, PORTABLE shall mean a sign, usually of a temporary nature, not securely anchored to the ground or to a building or structure and which obtains some or all of its structural stability with respect to wind or other normally applied forces by means of its geometry or character. Examples are: menu and sandwich board signs, balloons used as signs, umbrellas used for advertising, and signs attached to or painted on vehicles parked and visible from the public right-of-way, unless said vehicle is used in the normal day-to-day operations (deliveries and transportation of personnel) of the business. This definition also includes any and all sandwich boards supported by human beings or animals.



SIGN, PROJECT DIRECTORY shall mean a sign fronting on a road containing only the name of the principal use and directional arrow to the principal use. Project directory signs are intended to direct attention to planned multi-tenant developments which are not easily accessible off of such roads and where on-premise signage for that development (or any tenants within the development) would not otherwise be visible by the motorists traveling on nearby arterial or collector roads at the closest point of access. (Ordinance No. 1144, 5-17-11)

SIGN, PROJECTING shall mean a projecting sign attached to a building in such a manner that its leading edge extends more than eight (8) inches beyond the surface of such building or wall.

Sign, Projecting

SIGN, REAL ESTATE shall mean a temporary sign that identifies property or properties that are for sale or lease.

SIGN, ROOF shall mean a sign identifying the name of a business, enterprise, district, or development, and erected on or over the roof of a building. (Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)

SIGN SETBACK shall mean the horizontal distance from the property line to the nearest projection of the existing or proposed sign.



Sign, Subdivision

SIGN, SUBDIVISION shall mean a sign erected on a subdivision which identifies the platted subdivision where the sign is located.

SIGN SURFACE shall mean the entire area of a sign.

SIGN, SUSPENDED shall mean a sign that is suspended from the underside of a horizontal plane surface and is supported by such surface.

SIGN, TEMPORARY shall mean a sign constructed of cloth, fabric, or other material with or without a structural frame intended for a limited period of display, including displays for holidays or public demonstrations. Temporary signs shall include portable signs as defined in this section.

SIGN, VIDEO shall mean any on-premises or off-premises sign that conveys either a commercial or non-commercial message, including a business or organization name, through means of a television or other video screen. *This definition shall include electronic message board signs.* (Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)



Sign, Wall

SIGN, WALL shall mean any sign attached parallel to, but within eight inches of, a wall, painted on the wall surface of, or erected and confined within the limits of an outside wall of any building or structure, which is supported by such wall or building, and which displays only one sign surface.

SIGN, WINDOW shall mean any sign, pictures, symbol, or combination thereof, designed to communicate information about an activity, business, commodity, event, sale, or service, that is placed inside a window or upon the window panes or glass and is visible from the exterior of the window.

SIGN BASE shall mean any decorative, functional element extending upward from grade to the start of the sign.

SIMILAR USE shall mean the use of land, buildings, or structures of like kind or general nature with other uses within a zoning district as related to bulk, intensity of use, traffic generation and congestion, function, public services requirements, aesthetics or other similarities.

SITE PLAN shall mean a plan, prepared to scale, showing accurately and with complete dimensioning, the boundaries of a site and the location of all buildings, structures, uses, drives, parking, drainage, landscape features, and other principal site development improvements for a specific parcel of land.

SOCIAL CLUB OR FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS shall mean an association of persons (whether or not incorporated), religious or otherwise, for a common purpose, but not including groups which are organized primarily to render a service carried on as a business for profit. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

SOLAR ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM (SECS) shall mean any device, such as a solar panel or solar collector or any combination thereof, which collects and converts solar energy to a form of usable energy. This includes both Building-Mounted Systems and Ground-Mounted System. (*Ordinance No. 1389, 3-3-2020*)

SOLID WASTE shall mean waste materials consisting of garbage, trash, refuse, rubble, sewage, offal, dead animals, or paunch manure.

SPECIAL or VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES shall mean a specialized instructional establishment that provides on-site training of business, commercial, and/or trade skills such as accounting, data processing, and computer repair. This classification excludes establishments providing training in an activity that is not otherwise permitted in the zone. Incidental instructional services in conjunction with another primary use shall not be included in this definition. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS shall mean anatomical areas consisting of:
Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic region, buttock, anus, or female breast(s) below a point immediately above the top of the areola; and,
Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES shall mean activities consisting of the following:
Actual or simulated sexual intercourse, oral copulation, anal intercourse, oral-anal copulation, bestiality, direct physical stimulation of unclothed genitals, flagellation or torture in the context of a sexual relationship, or the use of excretory functions in the context of a sexual relationship, and any of the following sexually-oriented acts of conduct: Anilingus, buggery, coprophagy, coprophilia, cunnilingus, fellatio, necrophilia, pederasty, pedophilia, piquerism, sapphism, zooerasty; or Clearly depicted human genitals in the state of sexual stimulation, arousal, or tumescence; or Use of human or animal ejaculation, sodomy, oral copulation, coitus, or masturbation; or Fondling or touching of nude human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, or female breast(s); or Situation involving a person or persons, any of whom are nude, clad in undergarments or in sexually revealing costumes, and who are engaged in activities involving the flagellation, torture, fettering, binding, or other physical restraint or any such persons; or Erotic or lewd touching, fondling, or other sexually-oriented contact with an animal by a human being; or Human excretion, urination, menstruation, vaginal, or anal irrigation.

STATE shall mean the State of Nebraska.

STORAGE shall mean the keeping, in a roofed or unroofed area, of any goods, junk, material, merchandise, or vehicles on the same tract or premises for more than thirty (30) days.

STORY shall mean a space in a building between the surface of any floor and the surface of the floor above, or if there is not floor above, then the space between such floor and the ceiling or roof above.

STREET shall mean a public thoroughfare or right-of-way dedicated, deeded, or condemned for use as such, other than an alley, which affords the principal means of access to abutting property including avenue, place, way, drive, lane, boulevard, highway, road and any other thoroughfare except as excluded in this Regulation.

STREET, ARTERIAL shall mean a street designed with the primary function of efficient movement of through traffic between and around areas of a City, City, or county with controlled access to abutting property.

STREET, COLLECTOR shall mean a street or high way, which is intended to carry traffic from a minor street to major streets. Collector streets are usually the principal entrance streets to residential developments and the streets for circulation within the development.

STREET FRONTAGE shall mean the distance for which a lot line of a zone lot adjoins a public street, from one lot line intersecting said street to the furthest distant lot line intersecting the same street.

STREET, LOCAL shall mean a street designed for local traffic that provides direct access to abutting residential, commercial, or industrial properties.

STREET, PRIVATE shall mean an open, unoccupied space, other than a street or alley dedicated to the public, but permanently established as the principal means of vehicular access to abutting properties. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

STREETSCAPE shall mean the scene as may be observed along a street *right-of-way* composed of natural and man-made components, including buildings, paving, plantings, *poles, signs, benches, and other miscellaneous amenities.* (Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)

STRUCTURE shall mean anything constructed or built, any edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner, which requires location on the ground or is attached to something having a location on the ground, including swimming and wading pools and covered patios, excepting outdoor areas such as paved areas, walks, tennis courts, and similar recreation areas.

STRUCTURE, TEMPORARY shall mean a structure permitted as a temporary use. (Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)

STRUCTURAL ALTERATION shall mean any change in the support members of a building, such as in a bearing wall, column, beam or girder, floor or ceiling joists, roof rafters, roof diaphragms, foundations, piles, or retaining walls or similar components.

SUBDIVISION shall mean the division of land, lot, tract, or parcel into two or more lots, parcels, plats, or sites, or other divisions of land for the purpose of sale, lease, offer, or development, whether immediate or future. (Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)

SECTION 2. Amendment of Section 7.01. Section 7.01 of the Ordinance No. 848 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 7.01 Sign Regulations

7.01.01 Purpose

The purpose of these sign regulations are: to encourage the effective use of signs as a means of communication in the city; to maintain and enhance the aesthetic environment and the city's ability to attract sources of economic development and growth; to improve pedestrian and traffic safety; to minimize the possible adverse effect of signs on nearby public and private property; and to enable the fair and consistent enforcement of these sign regulations. These sign regulations are adopted under the zoning authority of the city in furtherance of the more general purposes set forth in the zoning ordinance.

7.01.02 Applicability

A sign may be erected, placed, established, painted, created, or maintained within the city and the city's extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction only in conformance with the standards, procedures, exemptions and other requirements of these sign regulations.

7.01.03 Definitions and Interpretation

Words and phrases used in this ordinance shall have the meanings set forth in Section 2. Principles for computing sign area and sign height are contained in Section 7.01.04.

7.01.04 Computations

1. Computation of Area of Individual Signs

The area of a sign face (which is also the sign area of a wall sign or other sign with only one face) shall be computed by means of the smallest square, circle, rectangle, triangle, or combination thereof that will encompass the extreme limits of the writing as a whole, representation, emblem, or other display as a whole, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the background of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the backdrop or structure against which it is placed, but not including any supporting framework, bracing, or decorative fence or wall when such fence or wall otherwise meets zoning ordinance regulations and is clearly identical to the display itself.

2. Computation of Area of Multi-faced Signs

The sign area for a sign with more than one face shall be computed by adding together the area of all sign faces visible from any one point. When two identical sign faces are placed back to back, so that both faces cannot be viewed from any point at the same time, and when such sign faces are part of the same sign structure and are not more than forty-two (42) inches apart, the sign area shall be computed by the measurement of one of the faces.

3. Computation of Height

The height of a sign shall be computed as the distance from the grade at the base of the sign, or from the grade immediately below the sign in the case of Wall Signs, at normal grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign. Normal grade shall be construed to be from finished grade. Any berms shall be construed to be a part of the sign base and added to the overall height of the sign.

7.01.05 Permitted Signs and Limitations

1. Ground Monument

- A. Monument signs shall be located along the frontage of the zoned lot. All signs shall be of permanent construction and are subject to the provisions of local codes and ordinances. On corner lots, the monument sign may be placed on either frontage.
- B. All ground monument signs shall be located on the same lot as the advertised use.
- C. Signs shall contain only the name or trademark of the business, building or complex which it identifies.
- D. With the exception of change panels permitted for gas stations to advertise gasoline prices, no change panels, advertising or names of individual tenants will be allowed.
- E. Setbacks for all ground monument signs are ten (10) feet, no setbacks are required in the MU-CC District.
- F. The following criteria apply to Ground Monument signs:

District	Design Limitations for Ground Monuments		
	Max. Size	Max. Height	Max. Number
TA	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
R-1	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
R-2	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
R-3	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
R-4	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
C-1	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
C-2	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
C-3	50 square feet	10 feet	Two (2) per lot frontage
MU-CC	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
I-1	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
I-2	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
PUD	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district

- 2. **Center Identification Signs**
 - A. All Center Identification signs shall be a ground monument style sign.
 - B. *A maximum of two Center Identification signs per development shall be allowed. No two signs shall be allowed closer than five-hundred (500) feet to each other on the same side of the street, measured along the edge of the street.*
 - C. All Center Identification signs shall be constructed in a manner that is permanent.
 - D. Acceptable materials include:
 - Exterior Insulation Finish System (EIFS)
 - Brick
 - Split face Concrete Masonry Units
 - Stone
 - Metal
 - Simulated Acrylic, or
 - Other materials provided said design is reflective of the character of the use.
 - E. All Center Identification signs shall advertise only the name of the development *and/or major tenants*, unless in compliance with Subsection G below.
 - F. Setbacks for all Center Identification Signs shall be twenty (20) feet along a street designated as an arterial or collector and ten (10) feet along any street designated as a local, minor or private street.
 - G. Change panels and/ or changeable copy may be allowed provided:
 - Signs shall only include business names *or logos*
 - Fonts shall be similar to that of the development name
 - Said panels and / or copy match in color and material to the overall sign.
 - H. *Electronic Message Boards shall only be allowed as part of a Center Identification Sign, provided the following:*
 - *No more than one-half of the permitted sign area shall be used for changeable copy or electronic message board signs.*
 - *The board may be double-faced.*
 - *Each board shall be permanently installed or located.*
 - *Electronic messages shall not be animated or flash continuously (blinking) in any manner.*
 - *Electronic message boards must use automatic level controls to reduce light levels at night and under cloudy and other darkened conditions, in accordance with the standards set forth in this sub-section. All electronic message boards must have installed ambient light monitors, and must at all times allow such monitors to automatically adjust the brightness level of the electronic sign based on ambient light conditions. Maximum brightness levels for electronic message boards may not exceed 5000 nits when measured from the signs face at its maximum brightness, during daylight hours, and 500 nits*

when measured from the signs face at its maximum brightness between sunset and sunrise, as those times are determined by the National Weather Service.

- *The message cannot change copy at intervals of less than one (1) minute. Changes of message image must be instantaneous as seen by the human eye and may not use fading, rolling, window shading, dissolving, or similar effects as part of the change.*
- I. No more than 50% of the sign area or change panel area may be dedicated to advertise any single tenant.
- J. The following criteria apply to Center Identification signs:

District	Design Limitations for Center Identification Signs		
	Max. Size	Max. Height	Max. Number
TA			
R-1			
R-2			
R-3			
R-4			
C-1	100 square feet	20 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2) per street frontage of the development
C-2	100 square feet	20 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2) per street frontage of the development
C-3	150 square feet	24 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than three (3); plus, one (1) when abutting Interstate 80
MU-CC	150 square feet	24 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2) per street frontage of the development
I-1	100 square feet	20 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than three (3); plus, one (1) when abutting Interstate 80
I-2	100 square feet	20 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than three (3); plus, one (1) when abutting Interstate 80
PUD	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district

(Ordinance No. 883, 11-19-02) (Ordinance No. 896, 2-04-03) (Ordinance No. 1145, 5-17-11)

3. **Wall Signs**

- A. All wall signs shall be mounted to the primary face of the use, *unless otherwise substituted by the Planning Department. (Ordinance No. 988, 4-18-06)*
- B. For multi-tenant buildings, maximum sign size for each tenant will be based on the width of the storefront of the bay that they occupy.
- C. The following criteria apply to Wall Signs:

District	Design Limitations for Wall Signs		
	Max. Permitted Sign Area	Max. Height	Max. Number
TA	1.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 400 sq. ft.	45 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
R-1			
R-2			
R-3			
R-4			
C-1	1.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 400 sq. ft.	45 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
C-2	1.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 400 sq. ft.	45 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
C-3	2.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 600 sq. ft.	45 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
MU-CC	1.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 400 sq. ft.	90 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.

I-1	1.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 400 sq. ft.	45 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
I-2	1.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 400 sq. ft.	45 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
PUD	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district, <i>or otherwise prescribed in the approved P.U.D Plan of said lot/development.</i>	The maximum <i>building height allowed in the approved P.U.D Plan of said lot/development, or as otherwise prescribed in such P.U.D.</i>	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district, <i>or otherwise prescribed in the approved P.U.D Plan of said lot/development.</i>

(Ordinance No. 988, 4-18-06)

4.

Incidental Signs

- A. Incidental signs shall be placed in locations along the primary face of the building.
- B. Incidental signs may be placed on a second building face, when the building has dual frontage.
- C. The following criteria apply to Incidental Signs:

District	Design Limitations for Incidental Signs		
	Max. Size	Max. Height	Max. Number
TA	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
R-1	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
R-2	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
R-3	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
R-4	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
C-1	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
C-2	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
C-3	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
MU-CC	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
I-1	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
I-2	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
PUD	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district

5.

Directional Signs

- A. Directional signs may be erected for the purpose of providing direction and/or orientation for pedestrian or vehicular traffic for purposes other than those of the Project Directory Signs. Example uses are arrow signs directing vehicles to a drive-thru lane or pedestrians to a building entrance.
- B. Directional signs shall contain no advertising, though may contain the business's logo.
- C. The following criteria apply to Directional Signs:

District	Design Limitations for Directional Signs		
	Max. Size	Max. Height	Max. Number
TA	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
R-1			
R-2			
R-3			
R-4			
C-1	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
C-2	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
C-3	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
MU-CC	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
I-1	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
I-2	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
PUD	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district

(Ordinance No. 1358, 8-5-2019)

6.

Project Directory Signs (Ordinance No. 1145, 5-17-2011)

In order to maintain the flow of traffic on arterial and collector roads and to promote vehicular safety, emphasis is made to limit the number of ingress and egress points off of such roads. Project directory signs are intended to direct attention to planned multi-tenant developments which are not easily accessible off of such roads and where on-premise

signage for that development (or any tenants within the development) would not otherwise be visible by the motorists traveling on nearby arterial or collector roads at the closest point of access. Provisions are provided to allow project directory signs which identify the name of the particular development and/or the names of their tenants. Such signs would be supplemental to signage otherwise provided for such developments.

Directional signs may be erected under the following conditions:

- A. Access to the development is restricted. Full ingress and egress to the development off an arterial or collector road is limited by access constraints or non-existent.*
- B. Such signs may be placed on or off-premises. All such signs shall be constructed and located, however, so as to be visible by the motorist traveling on the arterial or collector road which intersects with the local road providing access to the development.*
- C. Setbacks for all Project Directory Signs shall be twenty (20) feet along a street designated as an arterial or collector and ten (10) feet along any street designated as a local, minor or private street.*
- D. A maximum of two project directory signs per development shall be allowed. No two signs shall be allowed closer than five-hundred (500) feet to each other on the same side of the street, measured along the edge of the street.*
- E. No such sign shall be allowed further than one-thousand (1,000) feet from any entity advertising on the sign using the closest straight line measurement.*
- F. The minimum distance between a sign location and any residential zoning district shall be 50 feet.*
- G. The sign may contain the name of the development, names of tenants within the development, directional arrows and distance information. If off-premises, sign shall identify multiple businesses or industries.*
- H. The size of each sign shall be a function of the number of tenants within the development. Each eight (8) square feet per principal use within the development, whichever is greater, with a maximum area of eighty (80) square feet.*
- I. All such signs shall be a ground-mounted, monument-style sign.*
- J. Such signs shall be subject to the design standards of the PUD or Gateway Corridor Overlay District, if within such district.*

District	Design Limitations for Project Directory Signs		
	Max. Size	Max. Height	Max. Number
TA			
R-1			
R-2			
R-3			
R-4			
C-1	80 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2)
C-2	80 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2)
C-3	80 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2);
MU-CC	80 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2);
I-1			
I-2			
PUD	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district

7. Roof Signs

Roof signs shall be permitted only in the Mixed Use – City Centre District provided:

- A. Signs shall be allowed on multi-story buildings only.*
- B. A maximum of one (1) roof sign shall be allowed per lot.*
- C. Signs shall be a maximum of 11 feet in height above the highest point of the roofline.*
- D. Sign allowance shall be calculated at 2.5 square feet per lineal foot of building frontage to a maximum of 600 sq. ft.*
- E. The use of electronic message boards shall be prohibited. Sign animation shall be limited to the slow and gradual dimming or fading of individual lights. Flashing signs will be prohibited.*
- F. Where a wall sign is present on the building or structure façade, a roof sign shall be prohibited; where a roof sign is present on the building or structure façade, a wall sign shall be prohibited. This does not apply to wall signs of multi-tenant bays, or to roof signs advertising an entire development or district, rather than a specific use/occupant in the building on which the sign is placed. A maximum of two roof signs advertising the same development/district shall be permitted.*

8. **Blade Signs**

Blade signs shall be permitted only in the Mixed Use – City Centre District provided:

- A. Signs will only be allowed for the following uses: event center, meeting hall, or publicly owned and operated facility.
- B. Signs shall be allowed on multi-story buildings only with frontage of at least 20 ft.
- C. Signs shall conform to the vertical clearance requirements of this section of the Zoning Ordinance.
- D. Animation of the message is prohibited.
- E. Signs shall have two identical faces.
- F. Only two Blade Signs shall be permitted per building.
- G. Sign allowance cannot exceed 60 square feet.

9. **Marquee Signs**

Marquee signs shall be permitted only in the Mixed-Use City Centre District provided:

- A. Signs will only be allowed the following uses: event center, meeting hall, or publicly owned and operated facility.
- B. Signs shall conform to the vertical clearance requirements of this section of the Zoning Ordinance.
- C. A maximum of one (1) marquee sign shall be allowed per building and may only be placed on the primary face of the building.
- D. Sign allowance shall be limited to no more than ten percent (10%) of the area of the façade to which the marquee is attached.
- E. No portion of a marquee sign shall extend vertically above the eave line.
- F. Marquee signs with non-electronic change panels are prohibited.

10. **Other Permitted Signs**

Canopy

Identification

Projecting

Real Estate

Nameplate

Temporary (see Section 7.03.02)

Window

Subdivision (Ordinance No. 873, 10-15-02)

Construction (Ordinance No. 873, 10-15-02)

Signs shall be permitted in the various districts at the listed square footage and heights according to the following schedule:

<u>Sign Type</u>	<u>Zoning District</u>	<u>TA</u>	<u>R-1</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>R-3</u>	<u>R-4</u>	<u>C-1</u>	<u>C-2</u>	<u>C-3</u>	<u>MU-CC</u>	<u>I-1</u>	<u>I-2</u>
<u>Identification</u>												
Max. Size (Square Ft.)		2 ¹										
Max. Height (Ft.)		NA										
Number Allowed per building		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Real Estate</u>												
Max. Size (Square Ft.)		32	6	6	6	6	32	32	32	32	32	32
Max. Height (Ft.)		6	4	4	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	6
Number Allowed per lot		2	1	1	1	1	2 ⁷					
<u>Subdivision</u>												
Max. Size (Square Ft.)		32	32	32	32	32	32	32	50	32	32	32
Max. Lot Coverage (Sq. Ft.)		2,500 ⁴										
Max. Height (Ft.)		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	15	10	10	10
Number Allowed per lot		2 ⁵										
<u>Construction</u>												
Max. Size (Square Ft.)		32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
Max. Height (Ft.)		8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Number Allowed per lot		4 ⁶										
<u>Canopy</u>												
Max. Size		25% ²	N	N	N	N	25% ²					
Max. Height (Ft.)		NA	N	N	N	N	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Number Allowed per building		1	N	N	N	N	1	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Window</u>												
Max. Size		25% ³	N	N	N	N	25% ³					
Max. Height (Ft.)		NA	N	N	N	N	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Number Allowed per building/ storefront		2	N	N	N	N	2	2	2	2	2	2
<u>Projecting</u>												
Max. Size (Square Ft.)		N	N	N	N	12	12	12	12	12	N	N
Max. Height (Ft.)		NA										
Number Allowed per tenant		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Nameplate</u>												
Max. Size (Square Ft.)		2	2	2	2	2	N	N	N	N	N	N
Max. Height (Ft.)		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	N	N	N	N	N	N
Number Allowed per building		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

N: not permitted

NA: Not Applicable

(Ordinance No. 873, 10-15-02) (Ordinance No. 897, 2-04-03) (Ordinance No. 951, 3-15-05)

- 1: Maximum letter height is equal to 12 inches
- 2: percentage of total Canopy area
- 3: percentage of total window area
- 4: When constructed as a landscaping element on an outlot or plat lot
- 5: Per Entrance
- 6: Maximum number equal to four (4) when every sign equals the maximum size, no maximum number when using six (6) square foot signs
- 7: *On corner lots or lots one (1) acre or greater, otherwise one (1) per lot (Ordinance No. 897, 2-04-03)*

Note: All signs shall have a Vertical Clearance of nine (9) feet above any public sidewalk, private drive, or parking.

All signs shall have a Vertical Clearance of twelve (12) feet above any Public Street.

11. Sign type, District Permitted

A. Signs shall be permitted in the various districts according to the following schedule:

<u>Zoning District</u>	<u>TA</u>	<u>R-1</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>R-3</u>	<u>R-4</u>	<u>C-1</u>	<u>C-2</u>	<u>C-3</u>	<u>MU- CC</u>	<u>I-1</u>	<u>I-2</u>
<u>Sign Type</u>											
Building Marker	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Identification	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Temporary	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Construction	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Real Estate	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Incidental	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Subdivision	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wall	P	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P
Canopy	P	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P
Window	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Projecting	P	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P
Name Plate	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Monument	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Billboard	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Pole	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Roof	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N
Blade	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N
Marquee	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N

P: permitted N: not permitted C: Conditional Use

(Ordinance No. 873, 10-15-02)

12. Special Signage Conditions

The following special conditions apply to stand-alone ATM's, Coffee Kiosks and other Kiosks.

A. Stand-alone ATM's may have the following:

- One (1) wall sign on each exterior wall provided each wall sign does not exceed ten (10) percent of the applicable exterior wall and the total shall not exceed forty (40) square feet in size.
- Where a canopy is integrated into the ATM, a canopy sign may be placed on each face of the ATM, provided the overall height of the canopy and sign do not exceed twenty-four (24) inches. In addition, the overall size of all canopy signs shall not exceed forty (40) square feet.
- Directional signage shall be contained on the ATM, painted within a drive lane or in any curbing defining a drive lane.
- All signs are subject to the required permitting process of this Ordinance.
- Said signage may be incorporated with lighting plan and backlit in order to provide for greater security on the premises.

B. Coffee Kiosks and other Kiosks may have the following:

- One (1) wall sign on each exterior wall not used for drive-up service, provided each wall sign does not exceed ten (10) percent of the applicable exterior wall and the total shall not exceed forty (40) square feet in size.
- Where a canopy is integrated into the Coffee Kiosks / Kiosks, a canopy sign may be placed on each face of the Coffee Kiosk / Kiosks, provided the overall height of the canopy and sign do not exceed twenty-four (24) inches. In addition, the overall size of all canopy signs shall not exceed forty (40) square feet.
- Directional signage shall be contained on the Coffee Kiosk / Kiosk, painted within a drive lane or in any curbing defining a drive lane
- Window signs limited to menu boards and daily specials shall not require a sign permit.

- All signs are subject to the required permitting process of this Ordinance, unless otherwise noted.

7.01.06 Permits Required

1. If a sign requiring a permit under the provision of the ordinance is to be placed, constructed, erected, or modified on a zone lot, the owner of the lot shall secure a sign permit prior to the construction, placement, erection, or modification of such a sign in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.04.01.
2. Furthermore, the property owner shall maintain in force, at all times, a sign permit for such sign in accordance with Section 7.04.09.
3. No signs shall be erected in the public right-of-way except in accordance with Section 7.03.01.
4. No sign permit of any kind shall be issued for an existing or proposed sign unless such sign is consistent with the requirements of this ordinance (including those protecting existing signs) in every respect and with the Signage Plan in effect for the property.

7.01.07 Design, Construction, Maintenance

All signs shall be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the following standards:

1. All signs shall comply with applicable provisions of the Uniform Building Code and the National Electrical Code.
2. Except for flags, temporary signs, and window signs conforming in all respects with the requirements of this ordinance, all signs shall be constructed of permanent materials and shall be permanently attached to the ground, a building or another structure by direct attachment to a rigid wall, frame or structure.
3. All signs shall be maintained in good structural condition, in compliance with all building and electrical codes and in conformance with this code, at all times.

SECTION 3. Amendment of Section 7.03. Section 7.03 of the Ordinance No. 848 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 7.03 Other Signage Provisions

7.03.01 Signs in the Public Right-of-Way

No signs shall be allowed in the public right-of-way, except for the following:

1. **Permanent Signs.** Permanent signs, including:
 - A. Public signs erected by or on behalf of a governmental body to post legal notices, identify public property, convey public information, advertise community events, and direct or regulate pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
 - B. Bus stop signs erected by a transit company
 - C. Informational signs of a public utility regarding its poles, lines, pipes, or facilities; and
 - D. Awning, projecting, and suspended signs projecting over a public right-of-way in conformity with the conditions of Section 1.16.

7.03.02 Temporary Signs

A permit for temporary signs shall be issued only in accordance to the Master Fee Schedule and for signs meeting the following criteria:

1. *Construction and real estate signs are exempt from a temporary sign permit provided they meet the requirements set forth hereafter and in Section 7.01.05(5) of this Ordinance.*
2. Such signs shall not be in place for more than fourteen (14) consecutive days, *except that Real Estate signs may be in place until the property sale is finalized and construction signs may be in place until that construction phase is completed;*
3. No more than four (4) temporary permits shall be issued to an individual use in a calendar year;
4. *Construction Signs shall be located on the property being constructed. Advertisement on business trailers or vehicles are exempt from a temporary sign permit and size restriction, except that such trailers or vehicles must be removed when construction by that company on said property is completed.*
5. Any violation of this Section may void any future requested permits; and
6. No temporary sign shall be of such size, message, or character so to harm the public, health, safety or general welfare. *Temporary signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.*

(Ordinance No. 874, 10-15-02) (Ordinance No. 898, 2-04-03)

7.03.03 Emergency Signs (Permitted)

1. Emergency warning signs erected by a governmental agency, public utility company, or a contractor doing authorized or permitted work within the public right-of-way.

7.03.04 Other Signs Forfeited

1. Any sign installed or placed on public property, except in conformance with the requirements of this section, shall be forfeited to the public and subject to confiscation. In addition, to other remedies hereunder, the city shall have the right to recover from the owner or person placing such a sign the full costs of removal and disposal of such sign.

7.03.05 Signs Exempt from Regulation Under this Ordinance

The following signs shall be exempt from regulation under this ordinance:

- Any public notice or warning required by a valid and applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation or ordinance;
- Any religious symbol;
- Any sign identifying a public facility or public / civic event, including signs for public school facilities;
- Any sign inside a building, not attached to a window or door, that is not legible from a distance of more than three feet beyond the lot line of the zone lot or parcel on which such sign is located
- Holiday lights and decorations with no commercial message;
- Traffic control signs on private property, such as Stop, Yield, and similar signs, the face of which meets the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices standards and which contain no commercial message of any sort; and
- A political sign exhibited in conjunction with the election of political candidates. Such signs may not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in any zone. Only four (4) political signs shall be allowed per zone lot at any one time. All such political signs shall be removed no later than (10) days after the election. (*Ordinances No. 1184, 9-18-12*)

7.03.06 Signs Prohibited Under These Regulations

All signs not expressly permitted in these regulations or exempt from regulation hereunder in accordance with the previous section are prohibited in the city. Such signs include, but are not limited to:

1. Beacons and flashing signs;
2. Video signs;
3. Portable signs, except as allowed by a Temporary Sign Permit;
4. Pole signs;
5. Suspended signs;
6. Strings of lights not permanently mounted to a rigid background, except those exempt under the previous section;
7. Off-premises signs, except for signs located on outdoor public or quasi-public recreational areas/facilities, provided such signs are located in a manner approved by the City (such as not facing adjacent street right-of-way or residential zoning districts) and are no larger than 32 square feet." (*Ordinance No. 951, 3-15-05*)
8. Animated signs, except for roof signs and electronic message boards, as permitted by this Ordinance; and
9. Audible Signs.

SECTION 4. Repeal of Sections 2.20, 7.01 and 7.03 as Previously Enacted. Sections 2.20, 7.01, and 7.03 of Ordinance No. 848 as previously enacted are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Severability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista hereby declare that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and take effect as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY, 2020.

CITY OF LA VISTA

ATTEST:

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk

Section 2.20 - Definitions: S

SATELLITE DISH ANTENNA shall mean a round, parabolic antenna incorporating a reflective surface that is solid, open mesh, or bar configured and is in the shape of a shallow dish, or cone and used to transmit and/or receive radio or electromagnetic waves.

SCREENING shall mean a structure *or* planting that conceals from view from public ways the area behind such structure or planting.

SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY shall mean a building or group of buildings containing individual, compartmentalized, and controlled access stalls or lockers for storage.

SERVICE STATIONS shall mean buildings and premises where the primary use is the supply and dispensing at retail of motor fuels, lubricants, batteries, tires, and motor vehicle accessories and where light maintenance activities such as engine tune-ups, lubrications, and washing may be conducted, but not including heavy maintenance and repair such as engine overhauls, painting, and body repair.

SETBACK, FRONT YARD shall mean the line which defines the depth of the required front yard. Said setback line shall be parallel with the right-of-way line *or other access way*. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

SETBACK, REAR YARD OR SIDE YARD shall mean the line which defines the width or depth of the required rear or side yard. Said setback line shall be parallel with the property line, *offset* by the perpendicular distance prescribed for the yard in the district. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

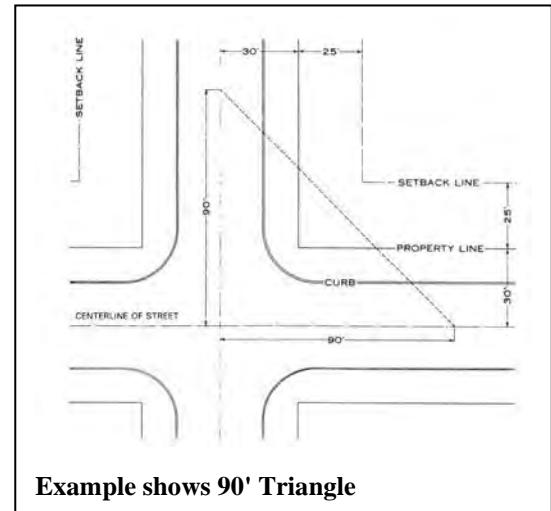
SHOPPING CENTER shall mean a group of commercial establishments planned, constructed, and managed as a total entity with customer and employee parking provided on-site, provisions for goods delivery that is separated from customer access, aesthetic considerations, and protection from the elements.

SHOPPING CENTER, COMMERCIAL STRIP shall mean a commercial development, usually one store deep, that fronts on a major street for a distance of one city block or more. Includes individual buildings on their own lots, with or without on-site parking and small linear shopping centers with shallow on-site parking in front of the stores.

SHOPPING CENTER, OUTLET shall mean a commercial development that consists mostly of manufacturers' outlet stores selling their own brands at a discounted price. This definition includes all forms of centers, such as strip style, enclosed mall style, and village clustered style centers.

SIGHT TRIANGLE is an area at a street intersection in which nothing shall be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner as to materially impede vision between a height of two-and-a-half (2 1/2) feet and ten (10) feet above the grades of the bottom of the curb of the intersecting streets, measured from the point of intersection of the centerline of the streets, sixty (60) feet in each direction along the centerline of the streets. At the intersection of major or *other* arterial streets, the sixty (60) foot distance shall be increased to ninety (90) feet for each arterial leg of the intersection. (*Ordinance No. 891, 2-04-03*)

SIGN shall mean and include any outdoor display, declaration, device, figure, drawing, illustration, message, placard, poster, billboard, insignia, or other things which are designed, intended, or used for direction, information, identification, or to advertise, to inform, or to promote any business, product activity, service, or any interest, except the following:



Signs less than fifty (50) square feet in area and less than twenty-five (25) feet in height of a public or quasi-public nature or other official notices that are authorized by the State of Nebraska, City of La Vista, or a Federal Government Agency, directional, informational, or other official signs or notices authorized by law.

SIGN, ANIMATED shall mean any sign that uses movement or change of lighting to depict action or create a special effect or scene.

SIGN AREA shall refer to that portion of a sign on which copy can be placed but not including the minimal supporting framework or bracing. The area of individually painted letter signs, individual letter signs or directly or indirectly illuminated individual letter signs, shall be calculated on the basis of the smallest geometric figure that will enclose the entire copy area of the sign. Any such calculation shall include the areas between the letters and lines, as well as the areas of any devices, illuminated or non-illuminated. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

SIGN, AUDIBLE shall mean any sign that conveys either a written message supported by an audible noise including music, spoken message, and / or sounds to attract attention to the sign. Audible signs also include signs conveying only the audible noise including music, spoken message, and / or sounds to attract attention.

SIGN, BANNER shall mean any sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is permanently mounted to a pole or building by a permanent frame at one or more edges. National flags, state or municipal flags, or official flag of any institution or business shall not be considered banners. Banner signs shall not represent a commercial message.

SIGN, BILLBOARD shall mean a sign that identifies or communicates a commercial or noncommercial message related to an activity conducted, a service rendered, or a commodity sold at a location other than where the sign is located.



Sign, Banner

SIGN, BLADE shall mean a type of projecting sign that is perpendicular to the building, meant to gain visibility for large buildings, or to direct traffic within a pedestrian-oriented development.

SIGN, BUILDING MARKER shall mean any sign indicating the name of a building and date and incidental information about its construction, which sign is cut into a masonry surface or made of bronze or other permanent material.

SIGN, CANOPY shall mean any sign that is a part of or attached to an awning, canopy, or other fabric, plastic, or structural protective cover over a door, entrance, window, or outdoor service area. A marquee is not a canopy. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)



Sign, Canopy

SIGN, CENTER IDENTIFICATION shall mean any sign erected to provide direction to a development including multiple uses and / or structures within the development. Center Identification signs shall include the name of said development and may include the names of major tenants of the development. Center Identification Signs shall typically be similar to Ground (Monument) signs. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

SIGN, CONSTRUCTION shall mean a temporary sign identifying an architect, engineer, contractor, subcontractor, and/or building material supplier who participates in construction on the property on which the sign is located. (*Ordinance No. 871, 10-15-02*); (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

SIGN, ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD shall mean any sign capable of displaying words, symbols, figures, or images that can be electronically or mechanically changed by remote or automatic means. (Ordinance No. 1144, 5-17-11)

SIGN, FLASHING shall mean a sign, which, by method or manner of illumination, flashes on or off, winks, or blinks ~~with varying light intensity~~, shows motion, or creates the illusion of being on or off.

SIGN, FREESTANDING shall mean any sign supported by uprights or braces placed on or in the ground, which is used principally for advertising or identification purposes and is not supported by any building.

SIGN, IDENTIFICATION shall mean a sign giving the nature, logo, trademark, or other identifying symbol; address; or any combination of the name, symbol, and address of a building, business, development, or establishment on the premises where it is located.

SIGN, ILLUMINATED shall mean a sign illuminated in any manner by an artificial light source.

SIGN, INCIDENTAL shall mean a sign, generally informational, that has a purpose secondary to the use of the zone lot on which it is located, such as "no parking," "entrance," "loading only," "telephone," and other similar directives. No sign with a commercial message legible from a position off the zone lot on which the sign is located shall be considered incidental. Incidental signs may be attached or painted on the wall, or they may be freestanding signs. (Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)

SIGN, MARQUEE shall mean ~~a sign affixed to or made a part of any permanent roof-like structure projecting beyond a building or extending along and projecting beyond the wall of the building, generally designed and constructed to provide protection from the weather.~~

SIGN, MONUMENT shall mean a sign mounted directly to the ground with a maximum height not to exceed ten (10) feet.

SIGN, NAMEPLATE shall mean a sign not exceeding two (2) square feet for each dwelling.

SIGN, NONCONFORMING shall mean any sign that does not conform to the requirements of this ordinance

SIGN, OFF-PREMISES shall mean a sign including the supporting sign structure which directs the attention of the general public to a business, service, or activity not usually conducted, or a product not offered or sold, upon the premises where such sign is located.

SIGN, ON-PREMISE shall mean a sign, display, or device-advertising activities conducted on the property on which such sign is located.

SIGN, PENNANT shall mean any lightweight plastic, fabric, or other material, whether or not containing a message of any kind, suspended from a rope, wire, or string, usually in series, designed to move in the wind.

SIGN, POLE shall mean a sign that is mounted on a freestanding pole or other support so that the bottom edge of the sign face is six (6) feet or more above grade.



Sign, Monument
Sign, Electronic Message
Sign, Flashing



Sign, Monument

SIGN, PORTABLE shall mean a sign, usually of a temporary nature, not securely anchored to the ground or to a building or structure and which obtains some or all of its structural stability with respect to wind or other normally applied forces by means of its geometry or character.

Examples are: menu and sandwich board signs, balloons used as signs, umbrellas used for advertising, and signs attached to or painted on vehicles parked and visible from the public right-of-way, unless said vehicle is used in the normal day-to-day operations (deliveries and transportation of personnel) of the business. This definition also includes any and all sandwich boards supported by human beings or animals.

SIGN, PROJECT DIRECTORY shall mean a sign fronting on a road containing only the name of the principal use and directional arrow to the principal use. Project directory signs are intended to direct attention to planned multi-tenant developments which are not easily accessible off of such roads and where on-premise signage for that development (or any tenants within the development) would not otherwise be visible by the motorists traveling on nearby arterial or collector roads at the closest point of access. (Ordinance No. 1144, 5-17-11)

SIGN, PROJECTING shall mean a projecting sign attached to a building in such a manner that its leading edge extends more than eight (8) inches beyond the surface of such building or wall.

SIGN, REAL ESTATE shall mean a temporary sign that identifies property or properties that are for sale or lease.



Sign, Projecting

SIGN, ROOF shall mean a sign identifying the name of a business, enterprise, ~~district, or development, or the product sold on the premises~~ and erected on or over the roof of a building. (Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)

SIGN SETBACK shall mean the horizontal distance from the property line to the nearest projection of the existing or proposed sign.

SIGN, SUBDIVISION shall mean a sign erected on a subdivision which identifies the platted subdivision where the sign is located.

SIGN SURFACE shall mean the entire area of a sign.

SIGN, SUSPENDED shall mean a sign that is suspended from the underside of a horizontal plane surface and is supported by such surface.



Sign, Subdivision

SIGN, TEMPORARY shall mean a sign constructed of cloth, fabric, or other material with or without a structural frame intended for a limited period of display, including displays for holidays or public demonstrations. Temporary signs shall include portable signs as defined in this section.

SIGN, VIDEO shall mean any on-premises or off-premises sign that conveys either a commercial or non-commercial message, including a business or organization name, through means of a television or other video screen. *This definition shall include electronic message board signs. (Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)*

SIGN, WALL shall mean any sign attached parallel to, but within eight inches of, a wall, painted on the wall surface of, or erected and confined within the limits of an outside wall of any building or structure, which is supported by such wall or building, and which displays only one sign surface.

SIGN, WINDOW shall mean any sign, pictures, symbol, or combination thereof, designed to communicate information about an activity, business, commodity, event, sale, or service, that is placed inside a window or upon the window panes or glass and is visible from the exterior of the window.

SIGN BASE shall mean any decorative, functional element extending upward from grade to the start of the sign.

SIMILAR USE shall mean the use of land, buildings, or structures of like kind or general nature with other uses within a zoning district as related to bulk, intensity of use, traffic generation and congestion, function, public services requirements, aesthetics or other similarities.

SITE PLAN shall mean a plan, prepared to scale, showing accurately and with complete dimensioning, the boundaries of a site and the location of all buildings, structures, uses, drives, parking, drainage, landscape features, and other principal site development improvements for a specific parcel of land.

SOCIAL CLUB OR FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS shall mean an association of persons (whether or not incorporated), religious or otherwise, for a common purpose, but not including groups which are organized primarily to render a service carried on as a business for profit. *(Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)*

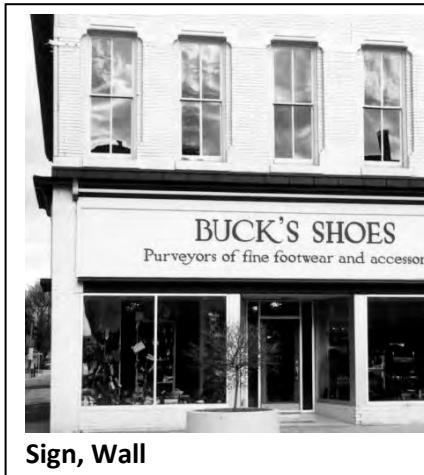
SOLAR ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM (SECS) shall mean any device, such as a solar panel or solar collector or any combination thereof, which collects and converts solar energy to a form of usable energy. This includes both Building-Mounted Systems and Ground-Mounted System. *(Ordinance No. 1389, 3-3-2020)*

SOLID WASTE shall mean waste materials consisting of garbage, trash, refuse, rubble, sewage, offal, dead animals, or paunch manure.

SPECIAL or VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES shall mean a specialized instructional establishment that provides on-site training of business, commercial, and/or trade skills such as accounting, data processing, and computer repair. This classification excludes establishments providing training in an activity that is not otherwise permitted in the zone. Incidental instructional services in conjunction with another primary use shall not be included in this definition. *(Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09)*

SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS shall mean anatomical areas consisting of:
Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic region, buttock, anus, or female breast(s) below a point immediately above the top of the areola; and,
Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES shall mean activities consisting of the following:
Actual or simulated sexual intercourse, oral copulation, anal intercourse, oral-anal copulation, bestiality, direct physical stimulation of unclothed genitals, flagellation or torture in the context of a sexual relationship, or the use of excretory functions in the context of a sexual relationship, and any of the following sexually-oriented acts of conduct: Anilingus, buggery, coprophagy, coprophilia, cunnilingus, fellatio, necrophilia, pederasty, pedophilia, piquerism, sapphism, zooerasty; or



Sign, Wall

Clearly depicted human genitals in the state of sexual stimulation, arousal, or tumescence; or Use of human or animal ejaculation, sodomy, oral copulation, coitus, or masturbation; or Fondling or touching of nude human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, or female breast(s); or Situation involving a person or persons, any of whom are nude, clad in undergarments or in sexually revealing costumes, and who are engaged in activities involving the flagellation, torture, fettering, binding, or other physical restraint or any such persons; or Erotic or lewd touching, fondling, or other sexually-oriented contact with an animal by a human being; or Human excretion, urination, menstruation, vaginal, or anal irrigation.

STATE shall mean the State of Nebraska.

STORAGE shall mean the keeping, in a roofed or unroofed area, of any goods, junk, material, merchandise, or vehicles on the same tract or premises for more than thirty (30) days.

STORY shall mean a space in a building between the surface of any floor and the surface of the floor above, or if there is not floor above, then the space between such floor and the ceiling or roof above.

STREET shall mean a public thoroughfare or right-of-way dedicated, deeded, or condemned for use as such, other than an alley, which affords the principal means of access to abutting property including avenue, place, way, drive, lane, boulevard, highway, road and any other thoroughfare except as excluded in this Regulation.

STREET, ARTERIAL shall mean a street designed with the primary function of efficient movement of through traffic between and around areas of a City, City, or county with controlled access to abutting property.

STREET, COLLECTOR shall mean a street or high way, which is intended to carry traffic from a minor street to major streets. Collector streets are usually the principal entrance streets to residential developments and the streets for circulation within the development.

STREET FRONTAGE shall mean the distance for which a lot line of a zone lot adjoins a public street, from one lot line intersecting said street to the furthest distant lot line intersecting the same street.

STREET, LOCAL shall mean a street designed for local traffic that provides direct access to abutting residential, commercial, or industrial properties.

STREET, PRIVATE shall mean an open, unoccupied space, other than a street or alley dedicated to the public, but permanently established as the principal means of vehicular access to abutting properties. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

STREETSCAPE shall mean the scene as may be observed along a street *right-of-way* composed of natural and man-made components, including buildings, paving, plantings, *poles, signs, benches, and other miscellaneous amenities*. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

STRUCTURE shall mean anything constructed or built, any edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner, which requires location on the ground or is attached to something having a location on the ground, including swimming and wading pools and covered patios, excepting outdoor areas such as paved areas, walks, tennis courts, and similar recreation areas.

STRUCTURE, TEMPORARY shall mean a structure permitted as a temporary use. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

STRUCTURAL ALTERATION shall mean any change in the support members of a building, such as in a bearing wall, column, beam or girder, floor or ceiling joists, roof rafters, roof diaphragms, foundations, piles, or retaining walls or similar components.

SUBDIVISION shall mean the division of land, lot, tract, or parcel into two or more lots, parcels, plats, or sites, or other divisions of land for the purpose of sale, lease, offer, or development, whether immediate or future. (*Ordinance No. 1083, 2-17-09*)

ARTICLE 7: SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS

Section 7.01 Sign Regulations

7.01.01 **Purpose**

The purpose of these sign regulations are: to encourage the effective use of signs as a means of communication in the city; to maintain and enhance the aesthetic environment and the city's ability to attract sources of economic development and growth; to improve pedestrian and traffic safety; to minimize the possible adverse effect of signs on nearby public and private property; and to enable the fair and consistent enforcement of these sign regulations. These sign regulations are adopted under the zoning authority of the city in furtherance of the more general purposes set forth in the zoning ordinance.

7.01.02 **Applicability**

A sign may be erected, placed, established, painted, created, or maintained within the city and the city's extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction only in conformance with the standards, procedures, exemptions and other requirements of these sign regulations.

7.01.03 **Definitions and Interpretation**

Words and phrases used in this ordinance shall have the meanings set forth in Section 2. Principles for computing sign area and sign height are contained in Section 7.01.04.

7.01.04 **Computations**

1. *Computation of Area of Individual Signs*

The area of a sign face (which is also the sign area of a wall sign or other sign with only one face) shall be computed by means of the smallest square, circle, rectangle, triangle, or combination thereof that will encompass the extreme limits of the writing as a whole, representation, emblem, or other display as a whole, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the background of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the backdrop or structure against which it is placed, but not including any supporting framework, bracing, or decorative fence or wall when such fence or wall otherwise meets zoning ordinance regulations and is clearly identical to the display itself.

2. *Computation of Area of Multi-faced Signs*

The sign area for a sign with more than one face shall be computed by adding together the area of all sign faces visible from any one point. When two identical sign faces are placed back to back, so that both faces cannot be viewed from any point at the same time, and when such sign faces are part of the same sign structure and are not more than forty-two (42) inches apart, the sign area shall be computed by the measurement of one of the faces.

3. *Computation of Height*

The height of a sign shall be computed as the distance from the grade at the base of the sign, or from the grade immediately below the sign in the case of Wall Signs, at normal grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign. Normal grade shall be construed to be from finished grade. Any berms shall be construed to be a part of the sign base and added to the overall height of the sign.

7.01.05 Permitted Signs and Limitations

1. **Ground Monument**
 - A. Monument signs shall be located along the frontage of the zoned lot. All signs shall be of permanent construction and are subject to the provisions of local codes and ordinances. On corner lots, the monument sign may be placed on either frontage.
 - B. All ground monument signs shall be located on the same lot as the advertised use.
 - C. Signs shall contain only the name or trademark of the business, building or complex which it identifies.
 - D. With the exception of change panels permitted for gas stations to advertise gasoline prices, no change panels, advertising or names of individual tenants will be allowed.
 - E. Setbacks for all ground monument signs are ten (10) feet, no setbacks are required in the MU-CC District.
 - F. The following criteria apply to Ground Monument signs:

District	Design Limitations for Ground Monuments		
	Max. Size	Max. Height	Max. Number
TA	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
R-1	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
R-2	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
R-3	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
R-4	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
C-1	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
C-2	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
C-3	50 square feet	10 feet	Two (2) per lot frontage
MU-CC	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
I-1	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
I-2	32 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per lot frontage
PUD	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district

2. **Center Identification Signs**
 - A. All Center Identification signs shall be a ground monument style sign.
 - B. *A maximum of two Center Identification signs per development shall be allowed. No two signs shall be allowed closer than five-hundred (500) feet to each other on the same side of the street, measured along the edge of the street.*
 - C. All Center Identification signs shall be constructed in a manner that is permanent.
 - D. Acceptable materials include:
 - Exterior Insulation Finish System (EIFS)
 - Brick
 - Split face Concrete Masonry Units
 - Stone
 - Metal
 - Simulated Acrylic, or
 - Other materials provided said design is reflective of the character of the use.
 - E. All Center Identification signs shall advertise only the name of the development *and/or major tenants*, unless in compliance with Subsection G below.
 - F. Setbacks for all Center Identification Signs shall be twenty (20) feet along a street designated as an arterial or collector and ten (10) feet along any street designated as a local, minor or private street.
 - G. Change panels and/ or changeable copy may be allowed provided:
 - Signs shall only include business names *or logos*
 - Fonts shall be similar to that of the development name
 - Said panels and / or copy match in color and material to the overall sign.
 - H. *Electronic Message Boards shall only be allowed as part of a Center Identification Sign, provided the following:*
 - *No more than one-half of the permitted sign area shall be used for changeable copy or electronic message board signs.*
 - *The board may be double-faced.*

- *Each board shall be permanently installed or located.*
- *Electronic messages shall not be animated or flash continuously (blinking) in any manner.*
- *Electronic message boards must use automatic level controls to reduce light levels at night and under cloudy and other darkened conditions, in accordance with the standards set forth in this sub-section. All electronic message boards must have installed ambient light monitors, and must at all times allow such monitors to automatically adjust the brightness level of the electronic sign based on ambient light conditions. Maximum brightness levels for electronic message boards may not exceed 5000 nits when measured from the signs face at its maximum brightness, during daylight hours, and 500 nits when measured from the signs face at its maximum brightness between sunset and sunrise, as those times are determined by the National Weather Service.*
- *The message cannot change copy at intervals of less than one (1) minute. Changes of message image must be instantaneous as seen by the human eye and may not use fading, rolling, window shading, dissolving, or similar effects as part of the change.*

I. No more than 50% of the sign area or change panel area may be dedicated to advertise any single tenant.

I.J. The following criteria apply to Center Identification signs:

District	Design Limitations for Center Identification Signs		
	Max. Size	Max. Height	Max. Number
TA			
R-1			
R-2			
R-3			
R-4			
C-1	100 square feet	20 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2) per street frontage of the development
C-2	100 square feet	20 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2) per street frontage of the development
C-3	150 square feet	24 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than three (3); plus, one (1) when abutting Interstate 80
MU-CC	150 square feet	24 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2) per street frontage of the development
I-1	100 square feet	20 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than three (3); plus, one (1) when abutting Interstate 80
I-2	100 square feet	20 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than three (3); plus, one (1) when abutting Interstate 80
PUD	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district

(Ordinance No. 883, 11-19-02) (Ordinance No. 896, 2-04-03) (Ordinance No. 1145, 5-17-11)

3. **Wall Signs**

- A. All wall signs shall be mounted to the primary face of the use, *unless otherwise substituted by the Planning Department. (Ordinance No. 988, 4-18-06)*
- B. For multi-tenant buildings, maximum sign size for each tenant will be based on the width of the storefront of the bay that they occupy.
- C. The following criteria apply to Wall Signs:

District	Design Limitations for Wall Signs		
	Max. Permitted Sign Area	Max. Height	Max. Number
TA	1.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 400 sq. ft.	45 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
R-1			
R-2			
R-3			
R-4			
C-1	1.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 400 sq. ft.	45 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
C-2	1.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 400 sq. ft.	45 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
C-3	2.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 600 sq. ft.	45 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
MU-CC	1.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 400 sq. ft.	90 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
I-1	1.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 400 sq. ft.	45 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
I-2	1.5 square feet per lineal foot of building / storefront to a Max. of 400 sq. ft.	45 feet above grade	One (1) sign area per main frontage More than One Frontage: Total maximum sign area shall not exceed 150% of the initial permitted sign area.
PUD	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district, <i>or otherwise prescribed in the approved P.U.D Plan of said lot/development.</i>	The maximum <i>building height allowed in the approved P.U.D Plan of said lot/development, or as otherwise prescribed in such P.U.D.</i>	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district, <i>or otherwise prescribed in the approved P.U.D Plan of said lot/development.</i>

(Ordinance No. 988, 4-18-06)

4. ***Incidental Signs***

- A. Incidental signs shall be placed in locations along the primary face of the building.
- B. Incidental signs may be placed on a second building face, when the building has dual frontage.
- C. The following criteria apply to Incidental Signs:

District	Design Limitations for Incidental Signs		
	Max. Size	Max. Height	Max. Number
TA	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
R-1	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
R-2	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
R-3	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
R-4	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
C-1	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
C-2	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
C-3	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
MU-CC	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
I-1	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
I-2	25 sq. ft. of area each	45 feet above grade	One (1) per forty lineal feet of storefront
PUD	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district

5. ***Directional Signs***

- A. Directional signs may be erected for the purpose of providing direction and/or orientation for pedestrian or vehicular traffic for purposes other than those of the Project Directory Signs. Example uses are arrow signs directing vehicles to a drive-thru lane or pedestrians to a building entrance.
- B. Directional signs shall contain no advertising, though may contain the business's logo.
- C. The following criteria apply to Directional Signs:

District	Design Limitations for Directional Signs		
	Max. Size	Max. Height	Max. Number
TA	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
R-1			
R-2			
R-3			
R-4			
C-1	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
C-2	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
C-3	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
MU-CC	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
I-1	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
I-2	6 sq. ft. of area each	3 feet above grade	One (1) per street entrance
PUD	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district

(Ordinance No. 1358, 8-5-2019)

6. ***Project Directory Signs (Ordinance No. 1145, 5-17-2011)***

In order to maintain the flow of traffic on arterial and collector roads and to promote vehicular safety, emphasis is made to limit the number of ingress and egress points off of such roads. Project directory signs are intended to direct attention to planned multi-tenant developments which are not easily accessible off of such roads and where on-premise signage for that development (or any tenants within the development) would not otherwise be visible by the motorists traveling on nearby arterial or collector roads at the closest point of access. Provisions are provided to allow project directory signs which identify the name of the particular development and/or the names of their tenants. Such signs would be supplemental to signage otherwise provided for such developments.

Directional signs may be erected under the following conditions:

- A. Access to the development is restricted. Full ingress and egress to the development off an arterial or collector road is limited by access constraints or non-existent.
- B. Such signs may be placed on or off-premises. All such signs shall be constructed and located, however, so as to be visible by the motorist traveling on the arterial or collector road which intersects with the local road providing access to the development.
- C. Setbacks for all Project Directory Signs shall be twenty (20) feet along a street designated as an arterial or collector and ten (10) feet along any street designated as a local, minor or private street.
- D. A maximum of two project directory signs per development shall be allowed. No two signs shall be allowed closer than five-hundred (500) feet to each other on the same side of the street, measured along the edge of the street.
- E. No such sign shall be allowed further than one-thousand (1,000) feet from any entity advertising on the sign using the closest straight line measurement.
- F. The minimum distance between a sign location and any residential zoning district shall be 50 feet.
- G. The sign may contain the name of the development, names of tenants within the development, directional arrows and distance information. If off-premises, sign shall identify multiple businesses or industries.
- H. The size of each sign shall be a function of the number of tenants within the development. Each eight (8) square feet per principal use within the development, whichever is greater, with a maximum area of eighty (80) square feet.
- I. All such signs shall be a ground-mounted, monument-style sign.
- J. Such signs shall be subject to the design standards of the PUD or Gateway Corridor Overlay District, if within such district.

District	Design Limitations for Project Directory Signs		
	Max. Size	Max. Height	Max. Number
TA			
R-1			
R-2			
R-3			
R-4			
C-1	80 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2)
C-2	80 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2)
C-3	80 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2);
MU-CC	80 square feet	10 feet	One (1) per main entrance but not more than two (2);
I-1			
I-2			
PUD	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district	The maximum allowed within the underlying zoning district

7. Roof Signs

Roof signs shall be permitted only in the Mixed Use – City Centre District provided:

- A. Signs shall be allowed on multi-story buildings only.
- B. A maximum of one (1) roof sign shall be allowed per lot.
- C. Signs shall be a maximum of 11 feet in height above the highest point of the roofline.
- D. Sign allowance shall be calculated at 2.5 square feet per lineal foot of building frontage to a maximum of 600 sq. ft.
- E. The use of electronic message boards shall be prohibited. Sign animation shall be limited to the slow and gradual dimming or fading of individual lights. Flashing signs will be prohibited.
- F. Where a wall sign is present on the building or structure façade, a roof sign shall be prohibited; where a roof sign is present on the building or structure façade, a wall sign shall be prohibited. This does not apply to wall signs of multi-tenant bays, or to roof signs advertising an entire development or district, rather than a specific use/occupant in the building on which the sign is placed. A maximum of two roof signs advertising the same development/district shall be permitted.

8. Blade Signs

Blade signs shall be permitted only in the Mixed Use – City Centre District provided:

- A. Signs will only be allowed for the following uses: event center, meeting hall, or publicly owned and operated facility.
- B. Signs shall be allowed on multi-story buildings only with frontage of at least 20 ft.
- C. Signs shall conform to the vertical clearance requirements of this section of the Zoning Ordinance.
- D. Animation of the message is prohibited.
- E. Signs shall have two identical faces.
- F. Only two Blade Signs shall be permitted per building.
- G. Sign allowance cannot exceed 60 square feet.

9. Marquee Signs

Marquee signs shall be permitted only in the Mixed-Use City Centre District provided:

- A. Signs will only be allowed the following uses: event center, meeting hall, or publicly owned and operated facility.
- B. Signs shall conform to the vertical clearance requirements of this section of the Zoning Ordinance.
- C. A maximum of one (1) marquee sign shall be allowed per building and may only be placed on the primary face of the building.
- D. Sign allowance shall be limited to no more than ten percent (10%) of the area of the façade to which the marquee is attached.
- E. No portion of a marquee sign shall extend vertically above the eave line.
- F. Marquee signs with non-electronic change panels are prohibited.

710. Other Permitted Signs

Canopy

Identification

Projecting

Real Estate

Nameplate

Temporary (see Section 7.03.02)

Window

Subdivision (Ordinance No. 873, 10-15-02)

Construction (Ordinance No. 873, 10-15-02)

Signs shall be permitted in the various districts at the listed square footage and heights according to the following schedule:

<u>Zoning District</u>	<u>TA</u>	<u>R-1</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>R-3</u>	<u>R-4</u>	<u>C-1</u>	<u>C-2</u>	<u>C-3</u>	<u>MU-CC</u>	<u>I-1</u>	<u>I-2</u>
<u>Sign Type Identification</u>											
<u>Real Estate</u>											
Max. Size (Square Ft.)	2 ¹										
Max. Height (Ft.)	NA										
Number Allowed per building	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Subdivision</u>											
Max. Size (Square Ft.)	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
Max. Lot Coverage (Sq. Ft.)	2,500 ⁴										
Max. Height (Ft.)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	15	10	10	10
Number Allowed per lot	2 ⁵										
<u>Construction</u>											
Max. Size (Square Ft.)	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
Max. Height (Ft.)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Number Allowed per lot	4 ⁶										
<u>Canopy</u>											
Max. Size	25% ²	N	N	N	N	25% ²					
Max. Height (Ft.)	NA	N	N	N	N	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Number Allowed per building	1	N	N	N	N	1	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Window</u>											
Max. Size	25% ³	N	N	N	N	25% ³					
Max. Height (Ft.)	NA	N	N	N	N	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Number Allowed per building/ storefront	2	N	N	N	N	2	2	2	2	2	2
<u>Projecting</u>											
Max. Size (Square Ft.)	N	N	N	N	12	12	12	12	12	N	N
Max. Height (Ft.)	NA										
Number Allowed per tenant building	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Nameplate</u>											
Max. Size (Square Ft.)	2	2	2	2	2	N	N	N	N	N	N
Max. Height (Ft.)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	N	N	N	N	N	N
Number Allowed per building	1	1	1	1	1						

N: not permitted

NA: Not Applicable

(Ordinance No. 873, 10-15-02) (Ordinance No. 897, 2-04-03) (Ordinance No. 951, 3-15-05)

1: Maximum letter height is equal to 12 inches

2: percentage of total Canopy area

3: percentage of total window area

4: When constructed as a landscaping element on an outlot or plat lot

5: Per Entrance

6: Maximum number equal to four (4) when every sign equals the maximum size, no maximum number when using six (6) square foot signs

7: On corner lots or lots one (1) acre or greater, otherwise one (1) per lot **(Ordinance No. 897, 2-04-03)**

Note: All signs shall have a Vertical Clearance of nine (9) feet above any public sidewalk, private drive, or parking.

All signs shall have a Vertical Clearance of twelve (12) feet above any Public Street.

811. Sign type, District Permitted

A. Signs shall be permitted in the various districts according to the following schedule:

<u>Zoning District</u>	<u>TA</u>	<u>R-1</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>R-3</u>	<u>R-4</u>	<u>C-1</u>	<u>C-2</u>	<u>C-3</u>	<u>MU-CC</u>	<u>I-1</u>	<u>I-2</u>
<u>Sign Type</u>											
Building Marker	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Identification	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Temporary	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Construction	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Real Estate	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Incidental	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Subdivision	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wall	P	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P
Canopy	P	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P
Window	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Projecting	P	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P
Name Plate	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Monument	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Billboard	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Pole	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Roof	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N
Blade	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N
Marquee	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N

P: permitted N: not permitted C: Conditional Use

(Ordinance No. 873, 10-15-02)

129. Special Signage Conditions

The following special conditions apply to stand-alone ATM's, Coffee Kiosks and other Kiosks.

A. Stand-alone ATM's may have the following:

- One (1) wall sign on each exterior wall provided each wall sign does not exceed ten (10) percent of the applicable exterior wall and the total shall not exceed forty (40) square feet in size.
- Where a canopy is integrated into the ATM, a canopy sign may be placed on each face of the ATM, provided the overall height of the canopy and sign do not exceed twenty-four (24) inches. In addition, the overall size of all canopy signs shall not exceed forty (40) square feet.
- Directional signage shall be contained on the ATM, painted within a drive lane or in any curbing defining a drive lane.
- All signs are subject to the required permitting process of this Ordinance.
- Said signage may be incorporated with lighting plan and backlit in order to provide for greater security on the premises.

B. Coffee Kiosks and other Kiosks may have the following:

- One (1) wall sign on each exterior wall not used for drive-up service, provided each wall sign does not exceed ten (10) percent of the applicable exterior wall and the total shall not exceed forty (40) square feet in size.
- Where a canopy is integrated into the Coffee Kiosks / Kiosks, a canopy sign may be placed on each face of the Coffee Kiosks / Kiosks, provided the overall height of the canopy and sign do not exceed twenty-four (24) inches. In addition, the overall size of all canopy signs shall not exceed forty (40) square feet.
- Directional signage shall be contained on the Coffee Kiosks / Kiosks, painted within a drive lane or in any curbing defining a drive lane
- Window signs limited to menu boards and daily specials shall not require a sign permit.

- All signs are subject to the required permitting process of this Ordinance, unless otherwise noted.

7.01.06 **Permits Required**

1. If a sign requiring a permit under the provision of the ordinance is to be placed, constructed, erected, or modified on a zone lot, the owner of the lot shall secure a sign permit prior to the construction, placement, erection, or modification of such a sign in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.04.01.
2. Furthermore, the property owner shall maintain in force, at all times, a sign permit for such sign in accordance with Section 7.04.09.
3. No signs shall be erected in the public right-of-way except in accordance with Section 7.03.01.
4. No sign permit of any kind shall be issued for an existing or proposed sign unless such sign is consistent with the requirements of this ordinance (including those protecting existing signs) in every respect and with the Signage Plan in effect for the property.

7.01.07 **Design, Construction, Maintenance**

All signs shall be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the following standards:

1. All signs shall comply with applicable provisions of the Uniform Building Code and the National Electrical Code.
2. Except for flags, temporary signs, and window signs conforming in all respects with the requirements of this ordinance, all signs shall be constructed of permanent materials and shall be permanently attached to the ground, a building or another structure by direct attachment to a rigid wall, frame or structure.
3. All signs shall be maintained in good structural condition, in compliance with all building and electrical codes and in conformance with this code, at all times.

Section 7.02 Signage Plans

7.02.01 **General Provisions**

1. No permit shall be issued for an individual sign requiring a permit unless and until an Individual Signage Plan or Master Signage Plan for the zoned lot on which the sign will be erected has been submitted to the City and approved by the Planning Department as conforming with this section.
2. All signage plans and permits shall include the following minimum information:
 - A. Color scheme;
 - B. Lettering or graphic style;
 - C. Lighting;
 - D. Location of each sign on the buildings;
 - E. Material;
 - F. Sign proportions; and
 - G. Any other criteria required by the appropriate signage plan.

7.02.02 **Master Signage Plan.**

For any zoned lot on which the owner proposes to erect more than three (3) signs requiring a permit, the owner shall submit to the Planning Department a Master Signage Plan containing the following:

1. An accurate plot plan of the zone lot, at such a scale as the Planning Department may require;
2. Location of buildings, parking lots, driveways, and landscaped areas on such zone lot;
3. Computation of the maximum total sign area, the maximum area for individual signs, the height of signs and the number of freestanding signs allowed on the zone lot(s) included in the plan under this ordinance and
4. An accurate indication on the plot plan of the proposed location of each present and future sign of any type, whether requiring a permit or not, except that incidental signs need not be shown.

7.02.03 **Showing Window Signs on Master Signage Plan.**

1. A Master Signage Plan including window signs may simply indicate the areas of the windows to be covered by window signs and the general type of the window (e.g., paper affixed to window,

painted, etched on glass, or some other material hung inside window) and need not specify the exact dimension or nature of every window sign.

7.02.04 Limit Number of Free-Standing Signs Under Master Signage Plan.

1. The Master Signage Plan, for all zone lots with multiple uses or multiple users, shall limit the number of freestanding signs to a total of one (1) for each street on which the zone lots shall provide for shared or common usage of such signs.

7.02.05 Amendment.

1. A Master Signage Plan may be amended by filing a new Master Signage Plan that conforms to all requirements of the ordinance then in effect.

7.02.06 Existing Signs Not Conforming to Master Signage Plan.

1. If any new or amended Master Signage Plan is filed for a property on which existing signs are located, it shall include a schedule for bringing into conformance, within two (2) years, all signs not conforming to the proposed amended plan or to the requirements of this ordinance in effect on the date of submission.

7.02.07 Binding Effect.

1. After approval of a Master Signage Plan, no sign shall be erected, placed, painted, or maintained, except in conformance with such plan, and such plan may be enforced in the same way as any provision of this ordinance. In case of any conflict between the provisions of such a plan and any other provision of this ordinance, the ordinance shall control.

Section 7.03 Other Signage Provisions

7.03.01 Signs in the Public Right-of-Way

No signs shall be allowed in the public right-of-way, except for the following:

1. **Permanent Signs.** Permanent signs, including:
 - A. Public signs erected by or on behalf of a governmental body to post legal notices, identify public property, convey public information, advertise community events, and direct or regulate pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
 - B. Bus stop signs erected by a transit company
 - C. Informational signs of a public utility regarding its poles, lines, pipes, or facilities; and
 - D. Awning, projecting, and suspended signs projecting over a public right-of-way in conformity with the conditions of Section 1.16.

7.03.02 Temporary Signs

A permit for temporary signs shall be issued only in accordance to the Master Fee Schedule and for signs meeting the following criteria:

1. *Construction and real estate signs are exempt from a temporary sign permit provided they meet the requirements set forth hereafter and in Section 7.01.05(5) of this Ordinance.*
2. Such signs shall not be in place for more than fourteen (14) consecutive days, *except that Real Estate signs may be in place until the property sale is finalized and construction signs may be in place until that construction phase is completed;*
3. No more than four (4) temporary permits shall be issued to an individual use in a calendar year;
4. *Construction Signs shall be located on the property being constructed. Advertisement on business trailers or vehicles are exempt from a temporary sign permit and size restriction, except that such trailers or vehicles must be removed when construction by that company on said property is completed.*
5. Any violation of this Section may void any future requested permits; and
6. No temporary sign shall be of such size, message, or character so to harm the public, health, safety or general welfare. *Temporary signs shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.*

(Ordinance No. 874, 10-15-02) (Ordinance No. 898, 2-04-03)

7.03.03 **Emergency Signs (Permitted)**

1. Emergency warning signs erected by a governmental agency, public utility company, or a contractor doing authorized or permitted work within the public right-of-way.

7.03.04 **Other Signs Forfeited**

1. Any sign installed or placed on public property, except in conformance with the requirements of this section, shall be forfeited to the public and subject to confiscation. In addition, to other remedies hereunder, the city shall have the right to recover from the owner or person placing such a sign the full costs of removal and disposal of such sign.

7.03.05 **Signs Exempt from Regulation Under this Ordinance**

The following signs shall be exempt from regulation under this ordinance:

Any public notice or warning required by a valid and applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation or ordinance;

Any religious symbol;

Any sign identifying a public facility or public / civic event, including signs for public school facilities;

Any sign inside a building, not attached to a window or door, that is not legible from a distance of more than three feet beyond the lot line of the zone lot or parcel on which such sign is located

Holiday lights and decorations with no commercial message;

Traffic control signs on private property, such as Stop, Yield, and similar signs, the face of which meets the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices standards and which contain no commercial message of any sort; and

A political sign exhibited in conjunction with the election of political candidates. Such signs may not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in any zone. Only four (4) political signs shall be allowed per zone lot at any one time. All such political signs shall be removed no later than (10) days after the election.

(Ordinances No. 1184, 9-18-12)

7.03.06 **Signs Prohibited Under These Regulations**

All signs not expressly permitted in these regulations or exempt from regulation hereunder in accordance with the previous section are prohibited in the city. Such signs include, but are not limited to:

1. Beacons and flashing signs;

2. Video signs;

3. Marquee signs;

4.3. Portable signs, except as allowed by a Temporary Sign Permit;

5. Roof signs;

6.4. Pole signs;

7.5. Suspended signs;

8.6. Strings of lights not permanently mounted to a rigid background, except those exempt under the previous section;

9.7. Off-premises signs, except for signs located on outdoor public or quasi-public recreational areas/facilities, provided such signs are located in a manner approved by the City (such as not facing adjacent street right-of-way or residential zoning districts) and are no larger than 32 square feet.”
(Ordinance No. 951, 3-15-05)

10.8. Animated signs, except for roof signs and electronic message boards, as permitted by this Ordinance; and

11.9. Audible Signs.