

CHAPTER 2

SIGNS

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12-2-1: **GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

- A. Interference With Traffic Control: No sign shall be erected or maintained at any location where by reason of its position, wording, illumination, size, shape or color it may impair, obstruct, obscure, or be confused with any authorized traffic control sign, signal or device.
- B. Flashing, Intermittent Or Animated Illumination: No off site sign or billboard having flashing, intermittent, or animated illumination shall be permitted within three hundred feet (300') of property in any residence district unless such sign is not visible from such property.
- C. Proximity To Residential District: No off site sign or billboard shall be erected or placed within one hundred feet (100') of any residence district.
- D. Temporary Signs: Advertising signs of no more than four (4) square feet in area shall be permitted in any district provided they comply with subsections A and B of this section. These signs shall be removed within five (5) days following the event to which they pertain. (1997 Code)

12-2-2: **RESIDENCE DISTRICTS:** In any residence district the following regulations shall apply:

- A. **Identification Sign:** A nonilluminated identification sign not exceeding one square foot in area shall be permitted for each dwelling unit. Such sign shall indicate nothing other than name and/or address of the occupants.
- B. **Real Estate Signs:** One temporary, nonilluminated, on site sign not to exceed six (6) square feet in area for the sale of real estate, which sign shall be removed within ten (10) days after sale of the real estate.
- C. **Announcements:** Announcement of church, school, or other public buildings or uses, where permitted bulletin boards or identification signs shall be permitted, not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area.
- D. **Normal Use:** Signs corresponding to that normal use permitted in the zoning district for uses given conditional uses.
- E. **All Other Signs:** All other signs are prohibited in residence districts. (1997 Code)

12-2-3: **NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS:** The following signs are allowed in nonresidential districts:

- A. **Real Estate:** Temporary signs not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area advertising the sale or lease of real property when located on the property to which the sign refers and when not located closer than ten feet (10') to a lot line, which sign shall be removed within ten (10) days of the sale or lease of the property.
- B. **Future Use Or Development:** Temporary ground signs advertising future use or development of property on which such signs are located may be maintained subject to provisions of this section, provided such signs do not exceed two hundred fifty (250) square feet in area or remain longer than six (6) months. "For Rent" and "For Lease" signs in commercial and industrial districts for new buildings shall not exceed forty eight (48) square feet in area or remain more than ninety (90) days after the building is completed and when located not closer than ten feet (10') to a lot line.

- C. Church Or Public Building: Church or public building bulletin boards not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area. (1997 Code)

12-2-4: **AGRICULTURE DISTRICT:** In the A agriculture district, the following signs are also permitted:

- A. On Premises Activities: Ground signs pertaining to activities conducted on the premises.
- B. Off Premises Activities: Ground or post signs, not exceeding one hundred (100) square feet in area, advertising activities conducted within twelve (12) miles of the sign or providing information of direct interest to the traveling public, including points of interest, recreation and scenic areas, places for camping, lodging, eating, sale of farm supplies, and vehicular service and repair. (1997 Code)

12-2-5: **BUSINESS DISTRICTS:**

- A. Permitted Signs: In the business and commercial districts, there may be any signs allowed in subsection 12-2-4B of this chapter and roof signs, wall signs, projecting signs, awning signs, and portable signs when displaying no advertising matter except pertaining to the business conducted in the building or on the premises on which such sign is placed.
- B. Size: The total square foot area of roof signs, wall signs, projecting signs, marquee signs and awning signs shall not exceed one-fifth ($\frac{1}{5}$) of the total square foot area of the face of the building on which they are placed.
- C. Number Of Signs: There shall not be more than one ground sign for each one hundred feet (100') of street frontage.
- D. Placement: No ground sign shall extend closer than ten feet (10') to a lot line. (1997 Code)

12-2-6: **INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS:**

- A. Permitted Signs: In the I-1 and I-2 industrial districts there may be any sign allowed in section 12-2-5 of this chapter and ground signs,

provided that no ground sign shall exceed three hundred (300) square feet in area.

- B. Number Of Signs: Not more than one ground sign shall be erected on any one lot or tract of land, or one sign for each three hundred feet (300') of street frontage when located at least three hundred feet (300') apart on such lot or tract of land.
- C. Intersecting Streets: No ground sign when erected on a lot fronting on intersecting streets shall be erected within fifty feet (50') of the intersection of the streets, and no ground sign may be erected within fifty feet (50') of the intersection of the state or federal highways.
- D. Frontage On Interstate Highway: Notwithstanding any other provision herein, in a B-2 district along the frontage of any interstate highway, being any highway designated by the Illinois department of transportation and approved by the United States department of transportation as a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways on July 1, 1972, or thereafter, ground signs may be one thousand two hundred (1,200) square feet in total area, with no height restriction. (1997 Code)

12-2-7: **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS:** The following additional sign regulations shall be observed:

- A. Ground Signs: No ground sign shall be, at any point, over twenty five feet (25') above ground level and shall have an open space of at least three feet (3') between the lower edge of such sign and the ground level, fifty percent (50%) of which may be filled in with a platform and decorative latticework of light construction. Every ground sign shall be stoutly constructed in a secure and substantial manner. The end of all such ground signs shall be at least six feet (6') distant from any wall or fence or any obstruction that would prevent a clear passage around the ends and shall be at least ten feet (10') distant from any lot line.
- B. Wall Signs: No wall sign shall extend beyond the building more than twelve inches (12"). No wall sign shall be so erected as to cover the doors or windows of any building or otherwise prevent free ingress or egress to or from any window, door or any fire escape of any building.
- C. Projecting Signs: Projecting signs may extend not more than four feet six inches (4'6") from the building into the front yard.

- D. Marquee Signs: Marquees may extend eight feet (8') into a front yard. Marquees shall be not less than eleven feet (11') above the ground at its lowest level. A sign may be placed upon a marquee, provided such sign does not extend more than three feet (3') above or one foot (1') below such marquee, but shall be at least eight feet (8') above grade.
- E. Portable Signs: Portable signs are prohibited except that there may be such portable signs on parking lots as permitted by the administrative officer as being necessary to satisfactory operation of the lot and except that each filling station may have one portable sign not exceeding twelve (12) square feet of total sign area restricted solely to stating the price of gasoline.
- F. Paper Posters And Certain Signs Or Devices Prohibited: Paper posters applied directly to the wall or building or pole or other support and letters or pictures in the form of advertising printed or applied directly on the wall of a building are prohibited. Temporary signs may be displayed in or attached to the inside of show or display windows, provided the total sign area does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the show or display window area. Signs or devices which by color, location or design resemble or conflict with traffic control signs or devices are prohibited. No sign shall contain flashers, animators, or mechanical movements or contrivances of any kind, excepting clocks.
- G. Required Signs: Traffic or county signs, railroad crossing signs, danger, safety, temporary, emergency, nonadvertising, community service, or decorative signs as may be required by statute or authorized by the administrative officer. (1997 Code)