



**ARTICLE XII  
SIGNS**

**Section 1201. Implementation and Permits**

1201.1 Permit Required. From and after the effective date of this ordinance, no sign of any type shall be erected, constructed, painted, altered, moved or repaired within the Town of Oak Grove, Alabama, unless all the applicable provisions of this ordinance are met, and until a valid sign permit therefore has been issued by the Town Clerk, provided, that this section shall not require a sign permit for routine maintenance or painting which maintains the original format and appearance of the sign.

1201.2 Temporary Permits. Sign permits for temporary accessory signs pertaining to a special or unique event of a limited duration shall state a time limit, but not to exceed thirty (30) days for each permit.

1201.3 Permits Not Required. Signs "a" (which do not exceed two (2) square feet in area), "b" (which do not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area), and "c" (as defined under Section 202.50 "accessory signs" shall not require a sign permit; neither shall a permit be required for a sign of less than two (2) square feet in areas located on a parcel of property used for residential purposes, if that sign announces the name of the occupants or the street number of the property only. No permit shall be required of a temporary sign pertaining only to the rent, lease, development, construction of improvements or sale of the premises only to the rent, lease, development, construction of improvements or sale of the premises upon which it is displayed, and which does not exceed six (6) square feet in residential zoning districts or twelve (12) square feet in all other regular zoning districts.

1201.4 Information Required for a Permit. Upon application for a sign permit, the applicant must provide the following information, which shall be retained as specifications for that sign permit:

- a. Purpose and description of the sign, including the definitions used in this ordinance, and the product, business or activity advertised.
- b. Name, address, and telephone number of the applicant and sign erectors.
- c. Position of the sign in relation to property and right-of-way lines, buildings, and other improvements on the property.
- d. Plans and specifications on construction and erection, and other information required by the enforcing officer.
- e. Written consent of the owner of the property on which the sign is to be erected.
- f. Proof of bond or liability of not less than \$1,000.00 covering loss due to construction, maintenance, or location for the duration of the sign.

1201.5 Removal of Sign. Any sign no longer meeting any specification of the sign permit, or changed so as to violate the terms of this ordinance, shall be removed or made to conform to this ordinance immediately. Any non-conforming outdoor advertising sign of a business no longer operating shall be removed within thirty (30) days of the closing date of that business, at a cost assumed by the sign owner. Signs identified under the definition "accessory sign" Section 202.50 "c" shall be removed no later than thirty (30) days after the sign's subject event has passed.

Section 1202. Outdoor Advertising Signs.

1202.1 Business License Required. The owner or operator of an outdoor advertising sign shall constitute a business, for which an annual business license is required, in addition to a sign permit as provided for in Section 1201.

1202.2 Name of Owner on Face of Sign. The current name of the owner of an outdoor advertising sign shall be printed on the face of the sign and be clearly visible from the street.

Section 1203. Temporary Signs. Temporary signs as defined in Section 202.54 may only be displayed on the premises to which the sign applies and shall be constructed of a material deemed safe and appropriate by the enforcing officer, provided that all other provisions of this ordinance are met.

Section 1204. Location of Signs. All signs must be located in accordance with the use regulations and the dimensional requirements of the zoning district in which located, with the following exceptions:

1204.1 Directional or informational signs of a public nature defined in Section 202.50 under "accessory signs" may be located anywhere, including within a public right-of-way.

1204.2 Principal use signs shall be located so as to preclude any adverse affect to traffic safety.

1204.3 No outdoor advertising sign shall be located within any required yard.

1204.4 No outdoor advertising, principal use or temporary sign shall be located within a public right-of-way.

Section 1205. Height of Signs. The maximum height of free-standing signs shall be limited to twelve (12) feet above the pavement level of an adjoining street in the residential districts and twenty-five (25) feet above the pavement level of and adjoining street in all other regular zoning districts.

Section 1206. Design of Signs. All signs shall be designed, size and located to be in keeping or to harmonize with the improvements or zoning on the property or nearby properties, and shall not be a traffic hazard.

1206.1 The wattage of sign lighting should not exceed 60 watts per bulb, and no lights shall be permitted to flash, blink or shimmer, except for structures indicating time or temperature, and sign lighting shall not include the colors of red, blue, amber or any other color used for emergency or caution lighting on public vehicles.

1206.2 No sign shall be permitted to rotate, oscillate or otherwise move.

1206.3 No business or advertising ground sign shall be erected to exceed fifty (50) feet in length (with total extensions not to exceed five (5) feet).

Section 1207. Spacing. Signs shall not be erected or maintained in such a manner as to obscure, or otherwise physically interfere with an official traffic sign, signal or device or which obstructs or physically interferes with the driver's view of approaching, merging or intersecting traffic.

Section 1208. Maintenance of Signs. All signs shall be routinely maintained by the owner of the sign or the owner of the premises upon which located so as to be structurally sound and safe, legible, and similar in appearance to that specified by the most recent valid sign permit; provided that this shall not prohibit the changing of the printed matter on the face of outdoor advertising signs.

Section 1209. Nonconforming Signs. Signs which do not conform to the provisions of this ordinance, but which conformed to the provisions of all ordinances superseded by this ordinance, shall be allowed to continue after the effective date of this ordinance. Any sign erected, moved, altered, or structurally repaired after the effective date of this ordinance shall be made to conform to the provisions thereof.

TOWN OF OAK GROVE ORDINANCE # 11

PROHIBITING SIGNS, MARKERS AND ADVERTISING ON THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF MUNICIPAL STREETS OR OTHER MUNICIPAL PROPERTY EXCEPT THOSE OFFICIAL SIGNS OR MARKERS PLACED THEREON BY THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, TALLADEGA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT, OR THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OAK GROVE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: Any person, firm, corporation or other entity is prohibited from placing signs, markers and/or advertising on the rights-of-way of municipal streets or other municipal owned property except those official signs or markers placed thereon by the State Highway Department, Talladega County Road Department, or the Town of Oak Grove.

Section Two: Be it further ordained that this ordinance shall be effective on and after the 1st. day of September, 1992.

Section Three: Be it further ordained that any sign, marker and/or advertising placed on the rights-of-way of municipal streets or any other municipal owned property in violation of this ordinance, may be removed by the Town of Oak Grove and any expense for removal may be charged to the person, firm, corporation, or other entity placing said signs, markers and/or advertising on the rights-of-way of municipal streets or on any other municipal owned property.

ADOPTED this 1st. day of September, 1992.

TOWN OF OAK GROVE

BY: Bloise Zeigler  
Bloise Zeigler, Mayor

ATTEST:

George A. Thompson  
George A. Thompson, Clerk

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**SIGN APPLICATION**

State License No.

Sign Permit Application Permit No:

No. \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Sign (If no address) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Description and Purpose \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address of:

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Owners' Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning \_\_\_\_\_ Illuminated YES ( ) NO ( )

If illuminated, Electrical Permit is Required \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost of Job \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Issued by \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Read Oak Grove Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE XII SIGNS for conformance on sign requirements.**