

## ARTICLE 12

### SIGNS

#### Section 1200

##### INTENT.

The purpose of this Article is to promote and protect the public health, welfare, and safety by regulating existing and proposed outdoor advertising, outdoor advertising signs, and outdoor signs of all types. It is intended to protect property values, create a more attractive economic and business climate, enhance and protect the physical appearance of the community, and preserve the scenic and natural beauty of designated areas. It is further intended to reduce sign or advertising distraction and obstruction that may contribute to traffic accidents, reduce hazards that may be caused by signs overhanging or projecting over public right-of-way, provide more open space, curb the deterioration of the natural environment, and enhance community development.

#### Section 1201

##### GOVERNMENTAL SIGNS EXCLUDED.

For the purpose of this resolution "sign" does not include signs erected and maintained pursuant to and in discharge of any governmental function, or required by a law, ordinance, or governmental regulation.

#### Section 1202

##### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SIGNS AND DISTRICTS.

The regulations contained in this section shall apply to all signs and all use districts.

- 1) Any illuminated sign or lighting device shall employ only light of constant intensity. No sign shall be illuminated by or contain flashing, intermittent, rotating, or moving light or lights. The lampbank in an "Electronic Changeable Copy Sign" is not considered as a flashing or intermittent lighting device. In no event shall an illuminated sign or lighting device be placed, directed, or beamed upon a public thoroughfare, highway, sidewalk, or adjacent premises so as to cause glare or reflection that may constitute a traffic hazard or nuisance. See definition of "Flashing Sign". No sign shall interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with, any authorized traffic sign, signal or device; or which make use of the words "stop", "look", "drive-in", "danger" or any other word, phrase, symbol or character in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic. (Rev-1/13/07)
- 2) No sign shall employ any parts or elements which revolve, rotate, whirl, spin or otherwise make use of motion to attract attention.
- 3) All wiring, fittings, and materials used in the construction, connection, and operation of electrically illuminated signs shall be in accordance with the provisions of the County Building Department.
- 4) No "Projecting Sign" shall be erected or maintained from the front or face of a building a distance of more than two (2) feet including those projecting from the face of any theater, hotel or motel marquee.
- 5) A sign may be placed on the roof of any building provided the supporting structures are screened from view. The sign shall appear to be a continuation of the face of the building over which it is placed. See definition of "Roof Sign".

- 6) No portable or temporary sign shall be placed on the front or face of a building or on any premises, except as provided for under "Banners", "Festival Banners", "Political Signs", "Portable Signs", "Real Estate", and "Special Event Signs".
- 7) No sign or part thereof shall contain or consist of banners, posters, pennants ribbons, streamers, spinners, or other similar moving devices. Such devices, as well as strings of lights, shall not be used for the purpose of advertising or attracting attention when not a part of a sign.
- 8) No sign of any classification shall be installed, erected, or attached in any form, shape, or manner to a fire escape or any door or window giving access to any fire escape.
- 9) Should any sign be or become unsafe or be in danger of falling, the owner thereof or the person maintaining the same, shall upon receipt of written notice form the Zoning Inspector proceed at once to put such sign in a safe and secure condition or remove the sign.
- 10) No sign shall be placed in any public right-of-way except publicly owned signs, such as "Traffic Control Signs" and "Directional Signs". Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking on private property shall be permitted on any property. These signs shall have no advertising, but may include an identification mark or logo.
- 11) No advertising signs shall be attached to or supported by a tree, utility pole, trash receptacle, vending machine, public shelter, or similar structure. (Rev. 1/10/09)
- 12) No sign shall be placed as to materially impede vision between the height of 2-1/2 and 10 vertical feet onto or across any dedicated road from any public or private driveway exiting onto the dedicated road. See Section 1240 for setback requirements.
- 13) All signage within Planned Unit Developments (PUD) shall follow the regulations for the district involved. However, the development's signage shall be reviewed by all approving authorities to insure harmony with the character and design standards of the particular development.

Section 1203

MEASUREMENT OF SIGN AREA AND SIGN HEIGHT.

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, representation, emblem, or other display, 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 resolution regulations and is clearly incidental 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 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 base of the sign at normal grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign. Normal grade shall be construed to be the lower of 1) the existing grade prior to construction or, 2) the newly established grade after construction, exclusive of any filling, berming, mounding, or excavation solely for the purpose of locating the sign. In cases in which the normal grade cannot reasonably be determined, sign height shall be computed on the assumption that the elevation of the normal grade at the base of the sign is equal to the elevation of the nearest point of the crown of a public street or the grade of the land at the principal entrance to the principal structure on the zone lot, whichever is lower.

Section 1204

DEFINITIONS AND TERMS RELATED TO SIGNS

AWNING:

1. A temporary hood or roof-like cover which projects from the wall of a building over a sidewalk or from a building or sign. May or may not be of such a type as to be able to be retracted, folded or collapsed against the face of a supporting building.

2. Sign industry term for all metal or fabric covered structures, with or without copy, illuminated or non-illuminated, that is part of a business.

BACKGROUND AREA OF A SIGN:

Also called facing area, this is the entire area of a sign on which copy could be placed.

BUILDING FACADE:

That portion of any exterior elevation of a building extending vertically from the grade to the tip parapet wall or eaves and horizontally across the entire width of the building elevation.

CANOPY: (SEE "ENTRANCE CANOPY" AND "SERVICE CANOPY")

ENTRANCE CANOPY:

A structure of canvas or other formable material on a framework extending from the building to provide shelter to those entering.

GROUND POLE:

A structural support cantilevered from a footing at grade to support a sign unit. This is for a unit free standing from the ground, not from the building.

LAMPBANK:

The portion of a message center that the public views daily for advertising, public service, time and temperature, animations and pictorials. A lampbank consists of columns and rows of lamps that are controlled by a computer. (Rev. 1/10/09)

LIGHT EMITTING DIODES "LED":

Light emitting diodes are diodes (electronic components that let electricity pass in only one direction) that emit visible light when electricity is applied, much like a light bulb. When many LED's are side-by-side, they can create pictures, such as the scrolling red LED signs found elsewhere. (Rev. 1/10/09)

LIGHTING TECHNIQUES:

Four types are commonly used: (1) exposed lighting, (2) interiorly illuminated signs, (3) floodlighted signs, (4) "LED" Signs, and (5) "LCD" Signs. (Rev. 1/10/09)

LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY "LCD":

LCD signs use liquid crystal display, or LCD, technology to display digitally-generated images or even video. A specific form of digital signage, LCD signs can be small enough to be mounted on supermarket shelves and gas pumps, or they can be large enough that they can be seen for a great distance. (Rev. 1/10/09)

MARQUEE:

A 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. A projecting roof is not a marquee.

ROOF LINE:

The uppermost line of the roof of a building or, in the case of an extended facade, the uppermost height of said facade.

SERVICE CANOPY:

A roof-like, open sided structure adjacent to but not part of a building which can accommodate vehicles and afford weather protection to business customers with short duration activities such as fueling vehicles. Projecting roofs or other forms of weather protection for drive-up service windows are not considered as Service Canopies.

Section 1210

DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR SIGN CONSTRUCTION TYPES

ANIMATED SIGN:

A sign depicting action or motion of graphic nature, or color changes requiring electrical energy, electronic or manufactured sources of supply, except wind actuated elements such as flags, or banners. While some of the technology in an animated sign is similar to flashing, the sign's commercial component is more involved with graphics and artistic displays.

Regulation: Same restriction as for "Flashing Sign". Allowed in any zoning district per the intent of Sections 1202-1, 2, and 7. (Rev. 1/10/09)

AWNING SIGN:

A non-illuminated/illuminated sign affixed flat, painted or printed on or within the surface (known as the base material) of an awning. (Rev. 1/10/09)

Regulation: The entire area of an awning is considered as the background area and has no limit to size. The sign area is governed by the regulation under "Building Sign" in Section 1231. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

AUTOMATIC CHANGING SIGNS:

(SEE "ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN")

AIRBORNE OR AERIAL DISPLAY:

Inflatable devices such as balloons or other shapes containing air or lighter-than-air gas which are tethered or otherwise attached to a building, a pole or other supporting structure or to the ground.

Regulation: Aerial displays are permitted in Commercial and Manufacturing Districts for a 30 day period and for special events only.

**BANNER:**

A sign of lightweight fabric or similar material that is mounted to a pole or building at one or more edges. (Flags excluded.)

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements. In addition, the following regulations apply:

Public Service, Non-Profit, or Institutional uses such as festival announcements of community events are allowed for a total of 60 days before and during the event with removal of the banner within five days following the event. Banners may be strung across roadways, on private property with the owner's permission, and on the institutional entity's building.

Retail advertising banners are not allowed over roadways. They may be strung on business premises twice per year for special sales events for no more than 60 days per event. They may be strung on buildings as needed for other sales information provided the visual impact approximates that of an internal window sign.

**BILLBOARD:**

A standardized panel or flat surface, usually outdoors, for displaying notices or advertisements. Commonly associated with wooden or steel structures that carry either poster paper, painted messages, or backlit messages.

Regulation: Billboards are allowed only in Heavy Manufacturing Districts (M-2). They must conform to the following specifications:

- Limited to one billboard per property,
- Maximum area of 300 square feet,
- Maximum height of 30 feet,
- Minimum front setback of 20 feet,
- Minimum side setback of 50 feet,
- Minimum distance of 300 feet from any other sign.

**BUILDING SIGN:**

A sign which is painted onto or is affixed to a building. Building Signs include "Awning", "Marquee", "Painted Wall", "Roof", and "Wall Signs". Canopy Signs and Temporary Banners on buildings are not considered as Building Signs. (Rev. 1/10/09)

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

**CANOPY SIGNS:**

A "Service Canopy Sign" is a sign which is suspended from, is mounted on, or forms part of a service canopy and which usually does not extend horizontally beyond the limits of such canopy or marquee. An "Entrance Canopy Sign" is a non-illuminated/illuminated sign affixed flat to, painted or printed on or within the surface (known as the base material) of an entrance canopy. (Rev. 01/10/09)

Regulation: The sign area of a service canopy sign shall be included in the total area allowed for a building sign. The sign area of an entrance canopy may be 25 square feet in addition to the allowable

building sign area. The sign message may be for building identification only. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements

**CANTILEVER CONSTRUCTION:**

A sign mounted from its end to a supporting structure but not to a building. Type of structure used to avoid various types of trespassing by offsetting the sign face from the supporting beams. Can be used to avoid the use of guywires, braces or other types of supports or for purely aesthetic reasons. Cantilevered Signs are also called flag or end mounted signs.

Regulation: See Freestanding Pole Signs in Sections 1231 to 12324 for specific requirements.

**CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN: (SEE "AUTOMATIC CHANGING SIGN", "ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN", "MANUAL CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN", AND "VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGN")**

A sign on which message copy can be changed through the use of attachable letters and numerals or by electronic switching of lamps, LED's, LCD's, or illuminated tubes. This includes public message displays or any sign which features automatic switching, such as time and temperature signs. The government refers to these signs as variable message signs. A sign on which message copy can be changed through the use of attachable letters and numerals or by electronic switching of lamps, LED's, LCD's, or illuminated tubes. (Rev. 1/10/09)

Regulation: See "Electronic Changeable Copy" and "Manual Changeable Copy Signs".

**ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN: (ALSO "AUTOMATIC CHANGING SIGN")**

A sign containing a computer generated message or other automated method of changing copy such as a public service time, temperature and date sign, message center or readerboard, where different copy changes of a public service or commercial nature are shown on the same lampbank or message facility. The general rules requirement for light of constant intensity does not apply to automatic changing signs. However, the varying intensity is the result of changing the lettering format -- not the repetition of the same message or symbols for increased visual impact.

Regulation: The use of Electronic Changeable Copy Signs is limited to Commercial, Manufacturing, and Institutional/Governmental Districts. If used as part of a business sign, the changeable copy area of the sign will be considered as part of the total area of the building sign or freestanding sign and will be subject to the sign area limitations for that application. (Rev. 01/10/09)

**FASCIA SIGN: (SEE "WALL SIGN")**

**FLAG, PENNANT OR OTHER MOVING OR ANIMATED SIGN:**

Any sign or part of a sign that changes physical position by any movement or rotation or that gives the visual impression of such movement or rotation.

Regulation: Regulated per Section 1202-2 and 1202-7. (Rev. 01/10/09)

**FLASHING SIGN:**

Any sign which contains an intermittent or flashing light source and externally mounted intermittent light source. The flashing sign is different from animated signs in that its change of lighting is to increase its visual impact. It is a constant repetition of the same message or symbol. It is used as a primary attention-getting device and a safety device by both private and public agencies such as the state and federal highway departments.

Regulation: Regulated per Section 1202-1. (Rev. 01/10/09)

FREESTANDING SIGN: (ALSO "PYLON SIGN", "GROUND SIGN", "MONUMENT SIGN", "POLE SIGN", "PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL SIGN")

A sign supported by one or more columns, uprights, or braces in or upon the ground, not attached to or forming part of a building.

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

GROUND SIGN:

A freestanding sign in which 1) the supporting structure is at least as wide as the sign and is continuous from the bottom of the sign area to the foundation and ground (no ground clearance) or 2) in which the ground clearance for an open frame, mast or pole mounted sign is less than ten feet (insufficient to allow an unobstructed view of traffic from exit driveways or side streets).

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

ILLUMINATED SIGN:

A sign illuminated by electricity, gas, or other artificial light including reflection or phosphorescent light.

Regulation: See Sections 1202-1 and 1202-3.

LIGHTING DEVICE:

A light, string of lights, or group of lights located or arranged so as to cast illumination on a sign.

Regulation: See Sections 1202-1 and 1202-3.

MANUAL CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN (BULLETIN BOARDS):

A sign with messages that are changed by placement and removal of letters and numbers.

Regulation: If used as part of a business sign, the changeable copy area of the sign will be considered as part of the total area of the building sign or freestanding sign and will be subject to the sign area limitations for that application. If used as an institutional bulletin board, see Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

MARQUEE SIGN:

A sign which is suspended from or is mounted on or under a marquee and which usually does not extend horizontally beyond the limits of the marquee.

Regulation: The total area of signage suspended and mounted on a marquee is equal to the area allowed for a "Building Sign" under Section 1231.

MONUMENT SIGN: (SEE "FREESTANDING SIGN", "PLANTER-TYPE SIGN")

A mounted ground sign sometimes affixed to a base or pedestal.. A freestanding sign that is a low rise with a base or pole cover.

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 under Freestanding Ground Signs for specific requirements.

PAINTED WALL SIGN:

An advertisement painted directly on the wall of a building so that it is visible to passing traffic. (Rev. 01/10/09)

Regulation: The total area of signage on a "Painted Wall" is equal to the area allowed for a "Building Sign" under Sections 1231 to 1234.

PENNANT:

A lightweight plastic, fabric, or other material, not containing a message of any kind, suspended from a rope or wire, or string, always in series designed to move in the wind.

Regulation: Regulated per Section 1202-2 and 1202-7. (Rev. 01/10/09)

PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL FREESTANDING SIGN:

A sign located in a district zoned for residential uses that contains various types of verbiage, a permanent support or base and will be installed for more than 60 days.

- a. Structure of construction
  - All verbiage must be contained within the main structure of the sign.
- b. Length of time sign is in existence/duration
  - Every 2 years the permit shall be updated for proper maintenance and aesthetic purposes.

Regulation: See sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

PLANTER-TYPE SIGN: (SEE "MONUMENT SIGN")

A type of "Ground Sign" similar to a "Monument Sign" usually constructed of masonry and containing cavities used for planting flower or shrub beds.

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

POLE SIGN: (SEE "FREESTANDING SIGN" )

Any sign supported wholly by uprights, braces, or poles in or on the ground, including poster panels and painted bulletins. Strictly speaking no guywires, braces, or secondary supports are used; any angle iron or main support is enclosed in a wood, plastic, or metal form, such that the angle iron or main support is not visible.

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

PORTABLE SIGN: (ALSO CALLED "VEHICULAR SIGN")

A sign not permanently affixed to the ground or to a building, including any sign attached to or displayed on a vehicle that is used for the expressed purpose of advertising a business establishments, product, service, or entertainment, when that vehicle is so parked as to attract the attention of the motoring or pedestrian traffic. The term "vehicle" includes any supporting frame with wheels, runners, or castors; parked trailers, parked automobiles, vans, or trucks; or other mobile devices. Identification signs which are painted on or affixed to a vehicle regularly operated in the pursuance of the day to day business or activity of an enterprise are not considered as vehicular or portable signs.

Regulation: Public Service, Non-Profit, or Institutional uses such as festival announcements or community events are allowed for a total of 60 days before and during the event with removal of the vehicle within five days following the event. The signs are allowed in Commercial Districts or on the property of the public service, non-profit, or institutional entity. They are limited to 32 square feet and

they must conform to the General Requirements of Section 1202. They may not be used for business advertisement or promotion. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

PORTABLE WINDOW SIGN:

A sign with self encased transformer or ballast which is cord connected. Standard industry practice is to build the whole unit so that it can be moved without disassembly.

Regulation: Regulated in Commercial Districts subject to the General Requirements of Section 1202. (Rev. 01/10/09)

PROJECTING SIGN:

1. A sign which projects from the exterior of a building.
2. A sign which has its face or faces not parallel to an exterior building wall and which is attached directly to the wall or projects from the wall by means of horizontal posts or other support members.

Regulation: See General Requirements Section 1202-4.

PYLON SIGN: (SEE "FREESTANDING SIGN")

A free standing sign, other than a pole or ground sign not attached to a building. Typically, the pylon has a tall slender appearance but with enough bulk or width to obstruct the view of traffic if within the traffic line of sight.

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

REVOLVING SIGN:

A sign face which revolves up to 360 degrees.

Regulation: Regulated per General Requirements, Section 1202-2. (Rev. 01/10/09)

ROOF SIGN:

A sign erected upon the roof or parapet of a building which is wholly or partially supported by said building. A sign appearing to be a continuation of the face of the building over which it is placed.

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 under Building Signs for specific requirements.

ROTATING FACES: (TRI-VISION)

A sign where the panels of a painted bulletin either slide or rotate to display two or three different advertising messages.

Regulation: Regulated per General Requirements, Section 1202-2. (Rev. 01/10/09)

VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGN:

The government nomenclature for "Changeable Copy Sign".

VEHICULAR SIGN: ( SEE "PORTABLE SIGNS")

WALL SIGN: (ALSO SEE "PAINTED WALL SIGN")

A sign attached parallel to a wall where the backside of the sign is within six inches and the outside face of the sign is within 24" of the wall to which the sign is attached.

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 under Building Signs for specific requirements.

WINDOW SIGN: (ALSO SEE "PORTABLE WINDOW SIGN")

A sign, picture, 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.

Regulation: Allowed in Commercial Districts subject to the General Requirements of Section 1202.

Section 1211

DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR SIGN USES

BUSINESS SIGN:

A sign used for on-premise signage purposes to direct attention to a business or profession conducted upon the premises where the sign is located, and which may also refer to goods or services produced, offered for sale or obtained at such premises.

BUILDING IDENTIFICATION SIGN:

An Entity Identification Sign installed on the premise of a multi-tenant building for the purpose of identifying the facility. The sign may be a Building Sign or a Freestanding Sign. A Freestanding Building Identification Sign may include a Tenant Identification Sign; a Building-Type Building Identification Sign generally does not include a Tenant Identification Sign.

Regulation: See Sections 1221,2, and 3.

COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE:

A plaque authorized by historical agencies recognized by the Township, County, or State and placed on historical or otherwise notable buildings.

Regulation: Allowed in all zoning districts. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

CONSTRUCTION SIGN:

A temporary sign identifying future occupants, architects, engineers, developers, or contractors engaged in construction or development of any subdivision or individual site.

Regulation: One construction sign per lot per street frontage is allowed in all districts. The duration of the sign will be up to 30 days prior to construction plus construction time. The temporary sign shall be removed when the building is occupied or when permanent signs are installed.

Allotments, commercial and industrial parks, and shopping centers shall be allowed a gateway-type sign not to exceed 50 square feet per main driveway entrance to a project for the purpose of identifying the overall project.

See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

**DIRECTIONAL SIGN:**

A sign designed to assist tourists or the general public to locate local attractions, places of worship or historical significance, and public assembly sites.

Regulation: A Directional Sign not exceeding four square feet in area may be erected outside the public right-of-way with written permission of the owner of the property whereon the sign is to be erected. Directional Signs are limited to through-routes and to one sign between major intersections. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

**DIRECTORY SIGN (ALSO SEE "TENANT IDENTIFICATION SIGN"):**

Any sign listing the names, and/or use and/or location of the various businesses or activities conducted within a building or group of buildings.

Regulation: See "Tenant Identification Sign".

**DRIVEWAY SIGN: (ALSO SEE "INCIDENTAL SIGN")**

An Incidental Sign located on private property near the entrance and exits of a private driveway for the purpose of identifying the driveway and controlling and directing traffic using the driveway.

Regulation: No commercial message is allowed on a Driveway Sign, but a business logo for identification may occupy 25% of the sign area. See the General Requirements Section 1202-14 for additional details and Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

**ENTITY IDENTIFICATION SIGN:**

Entity Identification is a general term for a sign which has the purpose of providing the highest order or most general identification of a multi-tenant or multi-owned facility. Two types are defined in this section. See Gateway Signs and Building Identification Signs.

**FESTIVAL BANNER:**

A temporary banner related to a festival that may or may not be installed on public property or in the public right-of-way.

Regulation: See regulation under "Banner".

**GATEWAY SIGN:**

A sign placed at an entrance to residential subdivision, manufactured home park, shopping center, or commercial/industrial park for the purpose of identifying that facility or complex. A "Gateway Sign" may be combined with a "Tenant Identification Sign".

Regulation: One "Gateway Sign" may be placed at the entrance/exit driveway or dedicated road into the development. A second sign may be placed on a separate street frontage containing a second driveway if the land area of the development exceeds five (5) acres, the linear distance along the street frontages exceeds 1,000 feet, and the Zoning Inspector deems the second sign is necessary to minimize traffic congestion by providing clear identification of the facility. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

**GOVERNMENTAL SIGN:**

A sign erected and maintained pursuant to and in discharge of any governmental function, or required by any law, ordinance, or governmental regulation.

Regulation: Governmental Signs are not in the scope of this Article per Section 1201.

INCIDENTAL SIGN: (ALSO SEE "DRIVEWAY SIGN")

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.

Regulation: Commercial messages are not allowed. See "Driveway Sign" for additional regulations. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

INDUSTRIAL PARK SIGNAGE:

The total system of signage used for identification and location of businesses within an industrial park.

Regulation: One "Gateway Sign" per street frontage as described under "Gateway Signs". Individual lot signage has the same regulations as any other individual lot in a commercial or manufacturing zoning district. (Rev. 01/10/09)

INSTITUTIONAL BULLETIN BOARD:

A sign containing a surface area upon which is displayed the name of a religious institution, school, library, community center or similar institutional services or activities.

Regulation: The sign shall be located on the premise of the institution. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE OR SIGN:

A plaque or sign designating names of buildings, and/or date of erection and other items such as architect, contractor, or others involved in the building's creation, cut into or attached to a building surface.

Regulation: Permitted in all zoning districts. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

NAME AND ADDRESS SIGN:

A sign denoting the name and/or street address of an individual occupant of a property. This is not the same as the On-Premise Sign used to identify a business on commercial and manufacturing properties.

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

OFF-PREMISE SIGN:

A sign unrelated to a business or profession conducted, or to a commodity or service sold or offered upon the premises where such sign is located. All billboards are to be construed as off-premise signs.

Regulation: Off -Premise signs are limited to Heavy Manufacturing Districts (M-2) and follow the regulations for Billboards.

ON-PREMISE SIGN:

A sign related to a business or profession conducted, or a commodity or service sold or offered upon the premises where such sign is located.

Regulation: See Sections 1221 to 1223 for application of On-Premise signs.

**ORGANIZATION SIGN:**

A single sign located at the entrance to the Township along any state highway or county road which carries the identification, date, and place of meeting of all civic organizations regularly meeting within the Township.

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

**OUTDOOR ADVERTISING:**

The use of a single panel or system of panels to communicate information regarding events, goods, products, or services that are as a rule not available on the site of the commercial display. This type of commercial communication device or system is frequently, and erroneously, referred to as "billboards".

Regulation: Outdoor Advertising as defined above and Billboards shall be permitted only in the Heavy Manufacturing District. (M-2)

**POLITICAL SIGN:**

A sign concerning any candidate, political party, issue, levy, referendum, or other matter whatsoever eligible to be voted upon in any general, primary, or special election; or any sign advocating any type of political action.

Regulation: No political sign shall be posted in any place or in any manner that is destructive to public property upon posting or removal. No political signs shall be posted in a public right-of-way nor shall any sign be posted on a utility pole. Any political sign may be installed on private property for a maximum of 60 days. The property owner shall be responsible for removing any political sign at the end of the 60 days. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements. (Rev. 01/10/09)

PROFESSIONAL NAME PLATE: A sign identifying only the name, occupation or profession of the occupant of the premises on which the sign is located. If a premises includes more than one occupant, the nameplate can list all names, occupations or professions as well as the name of the building and directional information.

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

**PUBLIC SERVICE SIGN:**

A sign performing a public service function indicating time, temperature, stock market quotations or similar services.

Regulation: Restricted to Commercial Districts. The lampbank containing the service message shall be included in the total sign area allowed for Building and Freestanding Signs on a premises. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

**REAL ESTATE SIGNS:**

A temporary sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of a property and providing the name of the Realtor or seller and other related information.

Regulation: The signs shall be removed within five working days after the sale or lease of the property. For buildings, parks, or other complexes having a continuous availability of rental units, information on the availability of rental units shall be incorporated into the Building Identification or Gateway Sign associated with the facility. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

**RESIDENTIAL SIGN:**

A sign located in a district zoned for residential uses that contains no commercial message except advertising for goods or services legally offered on the premises where the sign is located, if offering such service at such location conforms with all requirements of the conditional uses permitted under Section 564.

Regulation: See Section 564-4 and 564-34. In addition, a four (4) square foot freestanding sign may be installed at the building setback line if the wall sign allowed in Section 564-34 is not visible from the roadway. See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

**RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SIGNAGE:**

The identification signage for a residential development including single family allotments, mobile home parks, condominium and apartment complexes.

Regulation: One "Gateway Sign" per street frontage as described under "Gateway Signs". Individual lot signage as for any other individual lot in a residential zoning district.

**SHOPPING CENTER SIGNAGE:**

The total system of signage used for identification and location of businesses within a shopping center complex.

Regulation: One "Gateway Sign" per street frontage as described under "Gateway Signs". Building signage defined in Section 1222.

**SIGN: (GENERAL DEFINITION)**

A visual communication display, object, device, graphic, structure, or part, situated indoors or outdoors, or attached to, painted on, or displayed from a building or structure, in order to direct or attract attention to, or to announce or promote, an object, person, service, product, event, location, organization or the like, by means of letters, words, designs, colors, symbols, fixtures, images or illuminations.

**SPECIAL EVENTS SIGNS:**

Temporary signs advertising special event sales on commercial properties or public/religious institution special event notices and promotions on institutional properties.

Regulation: See regulations for "Banners" and "Portable Signs".

**TEMPORARY SIGN:**

A sign that is used only temporarily and is not permanently mounted.

Regulation: Permitted as provided for under "Banners", "Festival Banners", "Political Signs", "Portable Signs", "Real Estate", and "Special Event Signs".

**TEMPORARY SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

Temporary signs, banners, etc., may be suspended over or placed upon public property by special permission from the Ashtabula Township Trustees. The purpose of such temporary signs shall be for civic or community affairs of a public or semi-public nature and not for private gain. (Rev.-1/13/07)

**TENANT IDENTIFICATION SIGN (ALSO SEE "DIRECTORY SIGN"):**

A single sign consisting of multiple smaller signs that identify all the tenants in a multi-tenant building or property. A "Tenant Identification Sign" may be part of a "Gateway Sign".

Regulation: See Sections 1231 to 1234 for specific requirements.

Section 1220

SIGN APPLICATIONS -- GENERAL

The following Sections 1221, 1222, and 1223 show the number and types of signs allowed for various applications in the Residential, Commercial/Manufacturing, and Quasi-Public Districts.

The Sections apply only to permanent signs.

Section 1221

RESIDENTIAL SIGNAGE

<b>1. Single Lot, Single Dwelling, Single or Two Family per Dwelling (SER, R-2, MHR)</b>
(Applicable to individual homes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ One Name and Address Sign per family</li><li>■ One Professional Name Plate or one Residential (Home Business) Sign or per family (See Section 1211 under "Residential Sign"/"Permanent Residential Freestanding Sign" for exception allowing a second Residential Sign .)</li></ul>
<b>2. Multiple Lots, Single Dwellings, Single Family per Dwelling (SER, R-2, MHR, MHP)</b>
(Applicable to residential developments, allotments, or mobile home parks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ In addition to the single lot signage specified in Item 1., one or more Gateway Signs may be used to identify the development. See the regulation under the definition of Gateway Signs.</li></ul>
<b>3. Single Lot, Single Dwelling, Multiple Families per Dwelling (R-8, RMF-24)</b>
(Applicable to individual apartments) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Case One: One Name and Address Sign per main entrance of each unit in dwelling when each unit has its own direct access entrance.</li><li>■ Case Two: One Building-Type or Freestanding Building Identification Sign when the units are accessed through a common or main entrance. A Tenant Identification Sign may be installed at the entrance.</li><li>■ Driveway and Incidental Signs as needed.</li></ul>
<b>4. Single Lot, Multiple Dwellings, Multiple Families per Dwelling (R-8, RMF-24)</b>
(Applicable to apartment/condominium complexes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ In addition to the single lot signage specified in Item 3., one or more Gateway Signs may be used to identify the complex. See the regulation under the definition of Gateway Signs.</li><li>■ One Building Identification Sign per building.</li><li>■ Driveway and Incidental Signs as needed.</li></ul>
<b>5. Planned Unit Developments (PUD)</b>
In general, the signage in different sections of a PUD shall conform to the land usage in each section. However, the signage may be altered by the appropriate approving authority to balance identification and traffic control needs with the overall concept of the development.

**COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SIGNAGE**

<b>1. Single Lot, Single Building, Single Business per Building</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Three Maximum Building Type Business Signs with the following stipulations:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Allowed only one sign per side of the building</li><li>2. Must comply with the maximum square footage requirement.</li></ol></li><li>■ One Freestanding Business Sign.</li><li>■ Name and Address or Professional Nameplate.</li><li>■ Driveway and Incidental Signs as needed.</li></ul>
<b>2. Single Lot, Single Building, Multiple Businesses per Building</b>
(Applicable to strip malls, office buildings) A. One Freestanding Building Identification Sign for the lot. The Building Identification Sign may contain a Tenant Identification Sign. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Maximum Building Type Business Signs with the following stipulations:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Allowed only one sign per storefront plus one additional sign to both the rear and a side.</li><li>2. Must comply with the maximum square footage requirement. This is applied whether the individual units have their own direct access entrances, or if a common entrance is used.</li></ol></li><li>■ One Name and Address or Professional Nameplate per business.</li><li>■ Driveway and Incidental Signs as needed.</li></ul>
<b>3. Single Lot, Multiple Buildings, Single Business per Building</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ One or more Gateway Signs for the complex per the Gateway Sign definition.</li><li>■ The Gateway Sign may contain a Tenant Identification Sign.</li><li>■ One sign per side, with a maximum of three on the building in accordance to our square footage requirements.</li><li>■ One Name and Address or Professional Nameplate per building.</li><li>■ Directional and Incidental Signs as needed.</li></ul>
<b>4. Single Lot, Multiple Buildings, Multiple Businesses per Building</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ One or more Gateway Signs for the complex per the Gateway Sign definition.</li><li>■ The Gateway Sign may contain a Tenant Identification Sign.</li><li>■ Each building to conform to Item 2 shown above.</li></ul>
<b>5. Commercial/Industrial Parks</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ One or more Gateway Signs for the park per the Gateway Sign definition.</li><li>■ Individual lots handled per items 1. through 4. listed above.</li></ul>
<b>6. Shopping Centers</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ One or more Gateway Signs for the shopping center per the Gateway Sign definition.</li><li>■ Stores with direct access entrances are allowed a Building Sign per Sections 1231, 2, and 3. One sign is permitted if the main access entrance has only one wall. If there are two walls, a front and a side wall, then two signs are permitted within the square footage regulations.</li><li>■ Main or common entrances to enclosed malls are allowed a Building Sign to identify the mall name and entrance using the overall entrance width as the basis for sign area.</li></ul>

Section 1223

QUASI-PUBLIC SIGNAGE

<b>1. Single Lot, Single Building, Single Institution per Building</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ One Building-Type Sign used as a Building Identification Sign.</li><li>▪ One Freestanding Sign used as a Building Identification Sign.</li><li>▪ One Institutional Bulletin Board.</li><li>▪ Driveway and Incidental Signs as needed.</li></ul>
<b>2. Single Lot, Single Building, Multiple Institutions per Building</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ One Building-Type Sign used as a Building Identification Sign.</li><li>▪ One Freestanding Sign used as a Building Identification Sign.</li><li>▪ The Free Standing Building Identification Sign may include a Tenant Identification Sign.</li><li>▪ Driveway and Incidental Signs as needed.</li></ul>
<b>3. Single or Multiple Lot and Multiple Buildings</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ One or more Gateway Signs for the complex per the Gateway Sign definition.</li><li>▪ Individual lots or buildings treated as in Items 1. and 2. above.</li></ul>

Section 1230

SPECIFIC SIGN REQUIREMENTS

The following sections specify sign requirements:

- Section 1231 Sheet 1 Sign Areas in Residential Zones
- Section 1231 Sheet 2 Sign Areas in Commercial and Manufacturing Zones
- Section 1231 Sheet 3 Sign Areas in Recreational and Quasi Public Areas
  
- Section 1232 Sign Heights in All Zones
  
- Section 1233 Illumination of Signs in All Zones
  
- Section 1234 Permit Requirements

**\*\* All Sign Square Footages are Listed as Maximums in Each Section**

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**SUMMARY FOR SIGN AREAS**

===== RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS =====				
=== SIGN TYPE/USE ===	SER, R-2 & MHR	R-8	RMF-24	MHP
Banner (Special Events)	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Building Business Sign (Includes Awning, Marquee, Painted Wall, Roof, Service Canopy, Wall Signs)	Not Applicable	16 Sq Ft (For Building Identification)	32 Sq Ft (For Building Identification)	Not Applicable
Construction (Per Lot) (Per Development)	8 Sq Ft 32 Sq Ft	16 Sq Ft 32 Sq Ft	32 Sq Ft 32 Sq Ft	Not Applicable 32 Sq Ft
Directional (Freestanding on single signpost)	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft
Driveway	Not Applicable	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft
Entrance Canopy	Not Applicable	8 Sq Ft	16 Sq Ft	Not Applicable
Freestanding Business Sign (Pylon, Pole Signs) (Ground, Monument, Planter Signs)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Gateway/Bldg ID (Includes the "Tenant Identification" part of the sign)	20 Sq Ft	20 Sq Ft	20 Sq Ft	20 Sq Ft
Incidental (Wall Type) (Freestanding)	4 Sq Ft 8 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft 8 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft 8 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft 8 Sq Ft
Institutional Bulletin Board	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Name and Address or Professional Nameplate	2 Sq Ft	2 Sq Ft	2 Sq Ft	2 Sq Ft
Organization	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Plaques: Commemorative or Memorial on Building Wall	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft
Political	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft
Portable (Special Events)	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
Public Service	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
Real Estate (Per Lot) (Per Development) (Rental Unit Availability Info)	8 Sq Ft 32 Sq Ft Not Applicable	16 Sq Ft 32 Sq Ft Include as part of Building or Park Identification Sign	32 Sq Ft 32 Sq Ft	8 Sq Ft 32 Sq Ft
Residential (In-Home Business) (Permanent) (Wall or Freestanding)	4 Sq Ft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	4 Sq Ft
Tenant Identification (As part of Gateway or Building ID) (Wall Directory at Entrance)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable 6 Sq Ft	Not Applicable 6 Sq Ft	Not Applicable

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 SUMMARY FOR SIGN AREAS

=== SIGN TYPE/USE ===	===== BUSINESS DISTRICTS =====			MANUFACTURING DISTRICTS	
	PRO	LB	GB	M-1	M-2
Banner (Special Events)	Not Allowed	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft
Building Business Sign (Includes Awning, Marquee, Painted Wall, Roof, Service Canopy, Wall Signs)	24 Sq Ft	2.5 Sq Ft per Lineal Ft; 150 Sq Ft Maximum	1.5 Sq Ft per Lineal Ft; 300 Sq Ft Maximum	1.5 Sq Ft per Lineal Ft; 100 Sq Ft Maximum	2.5 Sq Ft per Lineal Ft; 200 Sq Ft Maximum
Construction (Per Lot) (Per Development)	16 Sq Ft 32 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft 50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft 50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft 50 Sq Ft	100 Sq ft 100 Sq Ft
Directional (Freestanding on Single signpost)	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft
Driveway	6 Sq Ft	8 Sq Ft	8 Sq Ft	8 Sq Ft	8 Sq Ft
Entrance Canopy	8 Sq Ft	16 Sq Ft	16 Sq Ft	16 Sq Ft	16 Sq Ft
Freestanding Business Sign (Pylon, Pole Signs) (Ground, Monument, Planter Signs)	50 Sq Ft	125 Sq Ft mandatory address included on sign. Ex.25 sq ft is not included in the setback requirements-Section 1240.	200 Sq Ft mandatory address included on sign. Ex. 50 sq ft is not included in the setback requirements-Section 1240.	100 Sq Ft	150 Sq Ft
Gateway/Bldg ID (Includes the "Tenant Identification" part of the sign)	50 Sq Ft	100 Sq Ft	150 Sq Ft	100 Sq Ft	150 Sq Ft
Incidental (Wall Type) (Freestanding)	6 Sq Ft	8 Sq Ft	8 Sq Ft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Institutional Bulletin Board	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Name and Address or Professional Nameplate	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Organization	4 Sq Ft per Organization	4 Sq Ft per Organization	4 Sq Ft per Organization	4 Sq Ft per Organization	4 Sq Ft per Organization
Plaques: Commemorative or Memorial on Building Wall	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft
Political	6 Sq Ft	8 Sq Ft	8 Sq Ft	8 Sq Ft	8 Sq Ft
Portable (Special Events)	32 Sq Ft	32 Sq Ft	32 Sq Ft	32 Sq Ft	32 Sq Ft
Public Service	Area of Public Service sign is included in the total area of the permitted business signage.			Not allowed	Not allowed
Real Estate (Per Lot) (Per Development) (Rental Unit Availability Info)	16 Sq Ft 32 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft 50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft 50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft 50 Sq Ft	100 Sq ft 100 Sq Ft
	- - - Include as part of Building Identification or Gateway Sign - - - - -				
Residential (In-Home Business) (Permanent) (Wall or Freestanding)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

\*On a corner lot you must use the average of the two sides to figure the lineal footage.

Tenant Identification (As part of Gateway or Bldg ID)  (Wall Directory at Entrance)	See Gateway or Bldg ID 6 sq Ft	See Gateway or Bldg ID 8 Sq Ft	See Gateway or Bldg ID 8 Sq Ft	See Gateway or Bldg ID 12 Sq Ft	See Gateway or Bldg ID 12 Sq Ft
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 SUMMARY FOR SIGN AREAS

=== SIGN TYPE/USE ===	RECREATION					INSTITUTIONAL, GOVERNMENT LANDS (IGL)				
	RC	INSTITUTION	GOVERNMENT	PUBLIC	QUASI-PUBLIC					
Banner (Special Events)	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft					
Building Business Sign (Includes Awning, Marquee, Painted Wall, Roof, Service Canopy, Wall Signs)	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft					
Construction (Per Lot) (Per Development)	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft					
Directional (Freestanding on single signpost)	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft					
Driveway	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft					
Entrance Canopy	16 Sq Ft	16 Sq Ft	16 Sq Ft	16 Sq Ft	16 Sq Ft					
Freestanding Business Sign (Pylon ,Pole Signs) (Ground, Monument, Planter Signs)	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft					
Gateway/Bldg ID (Includes the "Tenant Identification" part of the sign)	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft					
Incidental (Wall Type) (Freestanding)	20 Sq Ft	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					
Institutional Bulletin Board	4 Sq Ft	20 Sq Ft	20 Sq Ft	20 Sq Ft	20 Sq Ft					
Name and Address or Professional Nameplate	Not Applicable	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft	4 Sq Ft					
Organization	4 Sq Ft per Organization	4 Sq Ft per Organization	4 Sq Ft per Organization	4 Sq Ft per Organization	4 Sq Ft per Organization					
Plaques: Commemorative or Memorial on Building Wall	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft					
Political	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft	6 Sq Ft					
Portable (Special Events)	32 Sq Ft	32 Sq Ft	32 Sq Ft	32 Sq Ft	32 Sq Ft					
Public Service	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed					
Real Estate (Per Lot) (Per Development) (Rental Unit Availability Info)	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft	50 Sq Ft					
- - - - - Include as part of Building Identification or Gateway Sign - - - - -										
Residential (In-Home Business) (Permanent) (Wall or Freestanding)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					
Tenant Identification (As part of Gateway or Bldg ID) (Wall Directory at Entrance)	Not Applicable	See Gateway or Bldg ID 8 Sq Ft	See Gateway or Bldg ID 8 Sq Ft	See Gateway or Bldg ID 8 Sq Ft	See Gateway or Bldg ID 8 Sq Ft					

Section 1232

SUMMARY FOR SIGN HEIGHTS

=== SIGN TYPE/USE ===	===== ZONING DISTRICT =====			
	RESIDENTIAL MHP, MHR, R-2 R-8, RMF-24, SER	COMMERCIAL GB, LB, PRO	MANUFACTURING M-1, M-2	QUASI-PUBLIC IGL, RC
Banner (Special Events)	Not Allowed	Top limited to 30 feet. Bottom limited to 18 feet over commercial driveways and to minimum road clearance requirements as determined by the appropriate highway authority.		
Building Business Sign (Includes Awning, Marquee, Painted Wall, Roof, Service Canopy, Wall Signs)	Limited by the height of the structure to which the sign is attached. Roof signs may extend 3 feet above roof line but no higher than 30 feet.			
Commemorative Plaque (Wall)	6 Ft above normal viewing elevation	8 Ft above normal viewing elevation	8 Ft above normal viewing elevation	8 Ft above normal viewing elevation
Construction (Freestanding)	8 Feet	12 Feet	12 Feet	12 Feet
Directional (Freestanding)	8 Feet	10 Feet	10 Feet	10 Feet
Driveway (Freestanding)	4 Feet	4 Feet	4 Feet	4 Feet
Entrance Canopy	Limited to the height of the entrance canopy.			
Freestanding Business Sign (Pylon ,Pole Signs) (Ground, Monument, Planter Signs)	20 Feet 10 Feet	30 Feet 12 Feet	30 Feet 12 Feet	30 Feet 10 Feet
Gateway /Bldg ID (Includes "Tenant Identification" part of sign)	Same limits as under Freestanding type sign.			
Incidental (Wall Type or Freestanding)	8 Feet	10 Feet	10 Feet	8 Feet
Institutional Bulletin Board (Freestanding)	6 Feet	6 Feet	6 Feet	6 Feet
Name and Address (Wall)	6 Feet	6 Feet	6 Feet	6 Feet
Organization (Freestanding)	8 Feet	12 Feet	12 Feet	8 Feet
Plaques: Commemorative or Memorial on Building Wall	6 Feet	6 Feet	6 Feet	6 Feet
Political (Freestanding)	6 Feet	6 Feet	6 Feet	6 Feet
Portable (Special Events)	Not Allowed	8 Feet	8 Feet	8 Feet
Professional Nameplate (Wall)	6 Feet	6 Feet	6 Feet	6 Feet
Public Service	Allowed only in Commercial zoning districts. The area of the "Public Service Sign" part of a sign is included in the total height allowed for a particular sign type or use.			
Real Estate (Freestanding)	6 Ft - single lot 8 Ft - development	8 Feet	10 Feet	8 Feet
Residential (In-Home Business) (Permanent) (Wall or Freestanding)	6 Feet 6 Feet	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Tenant Identification (As part of Gateway or Bldg ID) (Wall Directory at Entrance)	The Tenant Identification section may be placed anywhere within the height of a Gateway Sign.			
	10 Feet	10 Feet	10 Feet	10 Feet

Section 1233

SUMMARY FOR SIGN ILLUMINATION

=== SIGN TYPE/USE ===	===== ZONING DISTRICT =====			
	RESIDENTIAL MHP, MHR, R-2 R-8, RMF-24, SER	COMMERCIAL GB, LB, PRO	MANUFACTURING M-1, M-2	QUASI-PUBLIC IGL, RC
Banner (Special Events)	Not Allowed	Non-Illuminated		
Building Business Sign (Includes Awning, Marquee, Painted Wall, Roof, Service Canopy, Wall Signs)	Not Applicable	Illuminated		
Commemorative Plaque	Non-Illuminated			
Construction	Non-Illuminated			
Directional	Non-Illuminated			
Driveway	Non-Illuminated	Illuminated		
Entrance Canopy	Non-Illuminated			
Freestanding Business Sign: (Pylon ,Pole Signs) (Ground, Monument, Planter Signs)	Not applicable	Illuminated		
Gateway /Bldg ID (Includes "Tenant Identification" part of the sign)	Illuminated			
Incidental (Wall or Freestanding)	Non-Illuminated			
Institutional Bulletin Board	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Illuminated
Name and Address	Non-Illuminated			
Organization	Not Applicable	Non-Illuminated		
Plaques: Commemorative or Memorial on Building Wall	Non-Illuminated			
Political	Non-Illuminated			
Portable (Special Events)	Not Allowed	Illuminated		
Professional Nameplate	Non-Illuminated			
Public Service	Not Allowed	Illuminated	Not Allowed	
Real Estate	Non-Illuminated			
Residential (In-Home Business) (Permanent)(Wall or Freestanding)	Non-Illuminated	Not Applicable		
Tenant Identification (As part of Gateway or Bldg ID) (Wall Directory at Entrance)	Illuminated Non-Illuminated			

Section 1234

SUMMARY FOR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

=== SIGN TYPE/USE ===	===== ZONING DISTRICT =====			
	RESIDENTIAL MHP, MHR, R-2 R-8, RMF-24, SER	COMMERCIAL GB, LB, PRO	MANUFACTURING M-1, M-2	QUASI-PUBLIC IGL, RC
Banner (Special Events)	Not Allowed			Yes
Building Business Sign (Includes Awning, Marquee, Painted Wall, Roof, Service Canopy, Wall Signs)	Yes			
Commemorative Plaque	No			
Construction	Yes			
Directional	Yes			
Driveway	Yes			
Entrance Canopy	Yes			
Freestanding: (Pylon ,Pole Signs) (Ground, Monument, Planter Signs)	Yes			
Gateway (Including the "Tenant Identification" part of the sign)	Yes			
Incidental (Wall Type) (Freestanding)	No			
Institutional Bulletin Board	Not Applicable			Yes
Name and Address	No			
Organization	Yes			
Plaques: Commemorative or Memorial on Building Wall	No			
Political	No			
Portable (Special Events)	Not Allowed	Yes		
Professional Nameplate	No			
Public Service	Not Allowed	Yes	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Real Estate	Single Res. - No Apartments - No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Residential (In-Home Business) (Permanent)(Wall or Freestanding)	Yes	Not Applicable		
Tenant Identification (As part of Gateway or Bldg ID) (Wall Directory at Entrance)	Yes No			

Section 1240

SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

Front Setbacks

On-premise signs other than Ground Signs and Pylon Signs shall be set back from the established right-of-way line of any thoroughfare at least ten (10) feet. For every square foot by which an on-premise sign exceeds fifty (50) square feet, the setback shall be increased by one-half foot. Ground signs or Pylon signs shall be set back from the established right-of-way line of any thoroughfare at least twenty (20) feet. Driveway signs not over 2.5 feet in height may be located with ten (10) foot setback. (Also see General Rule 14.) Sign faces which fall between 2.5 and 10 vertical feet must have 20 foot setback.

Side Setbacks

On-premise commercial signs shall have a minimum setback of 30 feet from established side right-of-way lines.

Section 1241

FRONT AND SIDE SETBACKS FOR PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL SIGNAGE

On-premise permanent residential signs shall have a 10' setback from all lot lines, including from the right-of-way.

Section 1250

REGULATIONS ALONG HIGHWAYS

Regulation of signs along interstate and primary highways shall conform to the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5516 and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Section 1260

VIOLATIONS

In case any sign shall be installed, erected, constructed, or maintained in violation of any of the terms of this resolution, the Zoning Inspector shall notify in writing the owner or lessee thereof to alter such sign so as to comply with this resolution. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Article shall be deemed a violation and shall be punishable under Section 350 of this resolution. Political signs posted in violation of Sections 1211, and 1231 to 1234 of this resolution are subject to removal by the Zoning Inspector five (5) days after written notice of violations has been given.

Section 1261

MAINTENANCE

- 1) All signs shall be maintained in safe and sound structural condition at all times and shall be presentable.
- 2) No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained on any premises owned or controlled by him any sign which is in a dangerous or defective condition. Any such sign shall be removed or repaired by the owner of the sign, or if the owner of the sign cannot reasonably be determined or located, by the owner of the premises.
- 3) The Zoning Inspector shall remove any off-premises advertising sign or structure found to be unsafe or structurally unsound within 30 day of issuing a written notification to the owner of the sign or the property owner.

Section 1262

ABANDONED SIGNS (AND ADVERTISING STRUCTURES) PROHIBITED.

An abandoned sign is declared to be a nuisance, is prohibited, and shall be removed by the owner of the sign, or if the owner of the sign cannot be reasonably determined, by the owner of the property.

Any on-premises sign which is located on property which becomes vacant or unoccupied for a period of three months or more, or any on-premises sign which pertains to a time, event, or purpose which no longer applies, shall be deemed to be abandoned. On-premise signs applicable to a business temporarily suspended because of a change of ownership or management of such business shall not be deemed abandoned unless the property remains vacant for a period of two years or more.

Section 1263

NON-CONFORMING SIGNS AND STRUCTURES.

Signs and structures in existence prior to the effective date of this Resolution and for which a permit or variance has been granted which violate or are otherwise not in conformance with the provisions of this Article shall be deemed non-conforming but legal. All such legal non-conforming signs and structures shall be maintained in accordance with this Article. The burden of establishing the legal non-conforming status of any sign or structure shall be upon the owner of the sign or structure.

Section 1264

LOSS OF LEGAL NON-CONFORMING STATUS

A legal non-conforming sign shall immediately lose its legal non-conforming status, and therefore must be brought into compliance with this Article or removed if it meets any one of the following criteria:

- 1) It is altered in copy (except changeable copy signs);
- 2) It is altered in structure;
- 3) It is enlarged;
- 4) It is relocated or replaced;
- 5) It is structurally damaged to an extent greater than one-half of its estimated replacement value;
- 6) It is abandoned as defined in Section 1261;
- 7) It is in violation of Section 1202 (General Requirements).