

Zoning Ordinance

Chapter 3

Article 1 Sign Regulations.

Section 8840 Purpose and intent.

The intent of this Chapter is to provide clarification regarding regulations pertaining to signs and to assist those wishing to place signs within the City by comprehensively setting forth provisions governing the installation and construction of signs and advertising devices in one Chapter in Zoning Ordinance.

This Chapter is further intended to:

- a. Recognize the functions and importance of signs for the business sector and the community and City as a whole;
- ~~b. Preserve and enhance the unique character and visual appearance of the City;~~
- b. Permit signs that aid motorists and pedestrians in easily recognizing businesses;*
- c. Prohibit signs that present a visual hazard to motorists or are an obstruction to pedestrians;*
- d. Recognize the integral part played by signs in the overall appearance of the City;

~~d. Provide a reasonable set of controls that will permit and encourage creative and effective signs that adequately identify a business;~~

e. Promote diverse and creative sign design;

~~e. Provide standards, guidance and direction for sign users and sign designers as to what constitutes appropriate signage in the city of Lompoc.~~

f. Provide sign designers and businesses with clear requirements for permitted signs;

g. Apply all requirements to local and national businesses equally;

Section 8841 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the terms set below are defined to mean the following:

1. Apartment/Multi-Family Identification Signs.

Signs identifying a multi-family building or an apartment or multi-family complex by name and/or address.

2. Banners - Commercial. Temporary sign made of flexible material, such as a flag, pennant or **banner**.

3. Barber Poles.

Rotating or stationary cylindrical poles of the traditional red, white, and blue spiral striped design, identifying the premises as a barber shop.

4. Changeable Copy Signs.

Signs designed to be used with removable graphics which will allow changing of copy.

5. Change of Copy.

Changing of the face or letters on a sign. Change of copy shall not constitute a change of use. Permits shall automatically be granted. ~~where not in conflict with the City's Architectural Review Guidelines or development requirements.~~

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6. City. Refers to the City Lompoc.

7. Council. Refers to the City Council of the City of Lompoc.

8. Community Activities Signs. Signs associated with a religious, charitable, cultural, civic, or educational organization.

9. Construction Announcement Signs. Signs placed on real property upon which construction is to take place, or is taking place, which contain information regarding the individuals and firms directly connected with the construction project, including the name of the contractor, the sub-contractors, the real estate licensee, and the possible future tenants.

10. Directory Signs. A sign or set of similarly designed individual signs, placed or displayed in sequence, to list all or part of the businesses within a building or business center.

11. Free Standing Signs. Signs standing on the ground, not attached to the building. Signs mounted on architecturally attached to integrated extensions of buildings are not considered free standing.
12. Free Standing Business Center Identification Signs. Free standing signs which identify a business center, and not the individual businesses located therein (See also "Street Frontage Signs").
13. Free Standing Individual Business Identification Signs. Free standing signs which identify a building, business, professional center or industry not located within a business center.
14. Gasoline Price Signs. On premises signs identifying the brand and/or type and price of gasoline sold.
15. Government or Other Signs Required by Law. Signs placed in any area of the City by a governmental entity or private individual or business as required by Federal, State, or Local law.
16. Height. Generally refers to free standing signs. The distance measured from the **average** surface grade **closest to the curb** surrounding the base of a sign, or the average surface grade surrounding the base of a sign, or the average surface grade of the road bed nearest the base of the sign, whichever is higher, to the top of the highest element of the sign.

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17. Illuminated Signs. Signs or individual letters in which an artificial source of light is used in order to ~~make the message readable~~ **illuminate the lettering.** This definition shall include internally and externally lighted signs, reflectorized, glowing, or radiating signs.

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18. Institutional Signs. Signs identifying the premises of, or announcing the activities conducted by a church, school, hospital, rest home, or similar institutional facility.

19. Manager or office of Manager Signs. Signs which identify the location of the manager or the office or the manager of property.

20. Off Premise Signs. Signs identifying a business activity, property, or product at some location other than displayed.

21. On Building Identification signs. Permanent signs mounted on the building which identify building and/or which identify the business or profession or industry, or combination thereof conducted on the premises.

22. Parking Lot Signs. Signs placed or displayed in parking lots to supply information to people using such lots, including information with respect to liability as well as entry, exit and directional information, handicapped parking requirements, and other information to facilitate the safe movement of vehicles served by the parking area.

23. Placed or Displayed. Means erected, constructed, posted, painted, printed, tacked, glued, carved, or otherwise fastened, affixed or made visible in any manner whatsoever.

24. Permanent Sign. Any sign which is not a temporary sign and is intended to remain in place for more than ~~thirty (30)~~ **sixty (60) days**, (Ordinance No. 1283(88).
10/2/88.)

25. Projecting Signs. A sign characterized by its attachment at an angle with the face of the building as opposed to being mounted flat on the surface of a building.

26. Real Estate Signs for Property of Less Than One Acre. Signs offering developed or undeveloped real property of less than one (1) acre of land for sale, lease, or rent.

27. Real Estate Signs for property of One Acre or Larger . Signs offering developed or undeveloped real property of one (1) acre or more for sale, lease or rent.

28. Roof Line. A horizontal plane projected parallel to the primary plane of a building floor and touching the primary roof plane on the building.

29. Sign. A physical embodiment of a visual communication which is intended to be viewed from outdoor public areas. In addition, it shall include all parts, portions, units, and materials composing the same, together with

the illumination, frame, background, and structure and support anchorage thereof.

This definition shall not apply the official flag, emblem or insignia of the government or religious group or agency.

30. Sign Area. Surface area of a sign face is measured within a single continuous geometric perimeter **enclosed by a maximum of five (5) pair of parallel lines**, including graphics, but excluding frames and materials forming an integral part of a display, support structures, face of a building, and incidental parts not drawing attention to the subject matter.

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31. Sign Program. A coordinated design plan of one or more signs for an individual business establishment or a business center.

32. Street Frontage. That portion of the building or property which faces or abuts the street, or streets.

33. Subdivision Model Home Signs. Signs identifying model homes in a subdivision or land development project.

34. Time and Temperature Signs. Signs displaying the time or the temperature, or both.

34.1. Temporary Sign. Sign constructed of paper, cloths or similar expendable material, and signage painted directly on window panes. Signs intended to remain in place for ~~thirty (30)~~ **sixty (60)** days or less. (Ord. No. 1283(88), 10/2/88).

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35. Under Canopy Signs. Signs suspended no lower than eight (8) feet above the public right-of-way or above a walkway that is used by the public, or under a canopy or awning of a building, which identifies the building, profession, or industry conducted on the premises.

36. Uniform Sign Code. Refers to the Uniform sign Code as administered by the Building Official of the City of Lompoc.

Approval under this section of the Zoning Ordinance specifically does not include approval of any sign or structure that is governed by the Uniform Sign Code.

37. Window Signs. Temporary or permanent sign placed on or behind a window.

Section 8842 General Limitations.

The following general limitations shall apply:

1. ~~Signing~~ **Sign frames or structures** shall be regarded as an integral and complimentary element of the overall architectural ~~and streetscape~~ composition and shall be integrated with the building and landscape design. | 10
2. **New** projects or buildings containin^s more than ~~one~~ **two** stores shall have an overall planned sign program. | 11

3. ~~As a general rule, there shall be no more than three (3) colors used on a sign and all signs advertising one business or use shall utilize the same colors. The background color, black, and white are all considered colors.~~ ***The color of the text and background portion of a sign shall not be regulated except where it may present a visual hazard to motorists or pedestrians.***

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4. ~~Low profile, ground mounted signs, less than 8 ft. high are encouraged.~~ ***The text area of free standing business signs shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height. The architectural element shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height.***

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5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter; pole signs are to be considered only after alternative solutions are proved not feasible. Approval of such signs shall be contingent upon the ***unique*** individual physical features of the specific site.

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6. ~~The name of the business shall be the dominant message on the sign.~~ ***Sign text shall not be regulated except that it may not resemble a traffic sign.***

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7. ~~Registered or copyrighted logos or trademarks with a maximum of four (4) colors shall be allowed~~ ***Historic signs forty (40) years old or older may be restored or replaced with a like sign without a permit.***

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8. The following limitations shall apply in all commercial and industrial zones: Not more than three (3) signs as defined herein, provided that the total sign area for all allowable signs, for each site or occupancy, shall not exceed 2 sq. ft. of sign area for each lineal foot of street occupancy frontage, provided further that in no case shall the allowable sign area for each site or occupancy exceed 300 sq.ft. **A building set back more than 250 feet shall have a maximum of three (3) square feet of sign area for each lineal foot of street or occupancy footage. Signs exceeding 450 square feet will not be allowed. A building of less than twenty five (25) lineal feet of street or occupancy footage shall be allowed fifty (50) of sign area.**
9. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, all ~~signs shall be~~ **sign structures and architectural enclosures are** Subject to the architectural review requirements of Section 8825 et. Seq. of this Code.
10. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the code, all **lighted** signs that are proposed for installation for a commercial or industrial building that face into a residentially-zoned area shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission at a public hearing, with notice given to effected property owners in the residentially-zoned area. In addition to

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the standard found in the Architectural Review Handbook relating to signs, the following criteria shall be used to determine whether a sign facing a residential area will be allowed:

- a. The manner in which the sign will be lighted.
- b. The intensity of the lighting.
- c. The availability of alternative locations for signs advertising business.
- d. Other factors the Planning Commission deems relevant with respect to minimizing any negative impacts upon residentially-zoned areas in the vicinity.
- e. ~~Signs with internal illumination shall be discouraged.~~

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(Ordinance No. 1278 (88) 1/5/88)

11. Murals shall not be regulated by this ordinance. Mural reader boards placed with a mural shall not exceed seven (7) square feet and are not regulated.

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Section 8843 Sign Specifications.

Section 8843 .1 Signs Allowed Without Permit In All Zones .

The following signs may be placed in all zones of the City of Lompoc without a permit, subject to the restrictions and limitations contained in this Section and as contained in Section 8842.

1. Community Activity Signs. Community activity signs **and banners** are allowed in commercial and industrial zones of the City. Such signs are allowed in residential zones only if located on the site of the activity and a permit is issued. Additionally, off-premise signs **and banners** of a temporary nature that are displayed out of doors require that a permit be issued by the City of Lompoc. Community activity signs are generally associated with religious, charitable, cultural, civic, or educational organizations.

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Size. Shall not exceed ~~twelve feet~~ **thirty two (32) square feet in** the sign area.

Location. Not less than five (5) feet inside the property line in residential zones, and not less than one (1) foot inside the property line in commercial and industrial zones.

Other Restrictions. Shall be temporary signs. Shall be non-illuminated signs and shall identify the organization and shall be at a level consistent with adequate identification and readability ~~without causing excessive complaints from neighboring property owners.~~ **But no more than eight (8) feet above grade.**

2. Governmental or Other Signs Required by Law. Signs placed by a governmental entity or private individual or business as required by Federal, State, or Local law.

Size. As required by law.

Height. As required by law and not-to-exceed the height of free standing signs.

Location. As required by law.

Other Restrictions. Shall be non-illuminated unless required by law.

3. Political Signs. (Vacant)

4. Real Estate Signs for Property of Less Than One Acre. Signs offering developed or undeveloped property pf less than one (1) acre for Sale, lease, or rent.

Size. Shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in sign area.

Height. Shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, if free standing.

Location. Not less than five (5) feet inside the property lines in residential zones, and not less than one (1) foot inside the property lines in commercial and industrial zones.

Other Restrictions. Shall not be illuminated. Only one (1) such sign may be displayed on each street frontage of the real property to which it refers.

5. Manager or office of Manager Signs. Signs which identify the location of the manager or the location of the manager of property.

Location. In all zones of the City, not less than five (5) feet inside the property line in residential zones, and not less than one (1) foot inside the property lines in commercial and industrial zones. Four square feet in area, each side, allowed.

6. Window Signs.

a. Permanent Window signs. Permanent sign shall be placed behind a window.

Location. All commercial and industrial zones.

Other Restrictions. Such signs shall not cover more than thirty (30) percent of the total window area for the building or leased space. **The non text design element shall be excluded from the thirty**

(30) percent calculation. Lighted signs mounted on the inside of windows shall comply with standards set forth in this section.

Such signs shall not be used for business identification purposes, unless specifically permitted in lieu of other permanent, on-building signals.

~~In no event shall more than fifty (50) percent of the total window area be covered by signage.~~

(Ordinance No 1283 (88) 10/4/88.)

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b. Temporary Window signs. Signs constructed of paper, cloth, or similar expendable material. Signage painted directly on windows. The following provisions shall not apply to community activity signs, political signs, or other window signage allowed without permit in all zones as provided herein. Such signs shall not cover more than fifty (50) percent the total window area of the building or lease space.

Placement. All temporary window signs shall be placed on the interior surface of window panes, except that signage painted directly on window surface may be located on the exterior window surface.

Duration of Placement. Temporary window signs shall not remain in place for more than thirty (30) days.

Other Restrictions. In no event shall more than fifty (50) percent of the total window area be covered by signage.

Height. Not applicable.

Location. Not applicable.

(Ordinance No. 1283(88), 10/2/88.)

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7. Changeable Copy Signs (Movable). Signs of this nature are typically 22 inches x 28 inches in size with replaceable copy poster. Such signs may be displayed within four feet of the primary access door of a business. Such signs shall be pedestal mounted and shall not interfere with pedestrian traffic or cause a nuisance or hazard.

Size Signs shall be 28 inches, plus the sign frame.

Height Sign holders or frames must be between 4'6" and 5' in height. The base of the sign shall be of the pedestal style customarily used in retail trade.

Location Limited to C-C, C-O, and PC-D zone districts.

Not allowed in M zones.

Other Restrictions Shall be free standing and taken inside at the close of the business day. Signs may not be made of iridescent or phosphorescent colors or be illuminated. The frame shall be black, brown, gold, or silver in color.

One sign may be allowed per business, which sign shall not count as part of the total signage per Section 8842.8.

8. Banner Signs Made of Flexible Material.

Size Banners shall not exceed ~~thirty (30)~~ **forty (40)** square feet or 10 percent of the business storefront elevation, whichever is greater.

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Business storefront elevation shall be calculated by multiplying the lineal width of the building storefront by 8 feet. ~~(average height of building storefront)~~

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Placement Banners placed on the building shall not extend above the roof line of the building. Banners shall not be placed in locations which restrict driver visibility or otherwise endanger public health, safety and/or welfare.

Other Restrictions Banners shall be non-permanent, non-illuminated signs.

Banners shall not be utilized in lieu of permanent signage **without a permit.**

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Banners shall be maintained in good repair and in a clean and attractive condition. Torn, bent, faded and/or dirty banners shall be replaced or removed. Banners shall be securely attached. **Banners maybe displayed for a maximum of ninety (90) days. Sixty (60) days must elapse after a banner is removed before a new one can be installed.**

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(Ordinance No. 1416(96), adopted 6/18 / 96)

Section 8843.2 Signs Allowed by Permit in All Zones .

The following signs may be placed in all zones by permit, subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in this section and sections 8842 and 8845:

1. Construction Announcement Signs. Signs placed on real property upon which construction is to take place, or is taking place which contain information regarding the individuals and firms directly connected with the construction project, including the names of the contractors , the subcontractors , the real estate licensee and the future tenant(s).

Size Shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet in sign area on a parcel of land less than ~~one (1) acre~~ **7,500 square feet**. Not-to-exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in sign area on a parcel of land ~~one (1) acre~~ **of 7,500 square feet** or more **and may have two sides.**

Height Shall not exceed six (6) feet on a parcel of land less than ~~one (1) acre~~ **7,500 square feet** shall not exceed eight (8) feet on a parcel of land of ~~one (1) acre~~ **7,500 square feet** or more.

Location Not less than five (5) feet inside the property line in residential zones, and not less than one (1) foot inside the property line in commercial and industrial zones.

Other Restrictions Shall be non-illuminated signs. Shall be removed within ~~seven (7)~~ **fifteen (15)** days after issuance of Certificate of Occupancy by the City. Only one (1) such sign may be displayed on each street frontage of the real property to which it refers.

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2. Institutional Signs Signs identifying the premises of, or announcing the activities conducted by a church, school, hospital, rest home, or similar institutional facility.

Size The aggregate size of all signs pursuant to this Section shall not exceed ~~twenty four (24)~~ **thirty- two (32)** square feet in sign area.

Height Shall not exceed ~~five (5)~~ **six (6)** feet, if free standing.

Location Not less than five (5) feet inside the property line in residential zones **and one (1) foot inside the property line in all other zones.**

Other Restrictions Only one (1) such sign must be displayed for each street frontage.

3. Real Estate Signs for Property of One Acre or More Signs offering developed or undeveloped real property of one (1) acre or more for sale, lease, or rent.

Size Shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in sign area **on one (1) or two (2) faces.** In the event that a sign does not exceed twelve (12) square feet in sign area, a sign permit shall not be required, and the provisions of Section 843.1.4 shall be applicable.

Height Shall not exceed eight (8) feet, if free standing.

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Location Not less than five (5) feet inside the property line in residential zones, and not less than one (1) foot inside the property line in commercial and industrial areas.

Other Restrictions

- a. Shall not be illuminated signs.
- b. Only one such sign may be displayed per street frontage of the property to which it refers.

4. Deleted with the adoption of Ordinance No. 1416(96), 6/18/96.

Section 8843.3 Signs Allowed by Permit in all Residential Zones

The following signs may be placed in all residential zones by permit, subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in this section and sections 8842 and 8845:

1. Apartment/Multi-Family Identification Signs. Identifying an apartment or multi-family building or an apartment or Multi-family complex by name and/or address.

Size Shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in sign area.

Height Shall not be more than ~~five feet (5)~~ **six (6)** feet in height.

Location Not less than five feet inside the property line.

Other Restrictions Only one (1) such sign may be displayed on each street frontage. If illuminated, must be subdued.

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2. Subdivisions Model Home Signs: Signs Identifying a Model Home.

Size Shall not exceed six (6) square feet in sign area.

Height Shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.

Other Restrictions May be displayed only on the premises of the Model Home which it identifies. Only one (1) such sign may be displayed per Model Home.

Section 8843.4 Signs Allowed by Permit in Commercial and Industrial Zones.

The following signs may be placed in commercial and industrial zones by permit, subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in this Section and Sections 8842 and 8845:

1. Barber Poles. Rotating or stationary cylindrical poles of the traditional red, white and blue spiral striped design, identifying the premises as a barber shop.

Size Shall not exceed two and one-half (2-1/2 feet in length).

Height Not applicable.

Location All commercial zones.

Other Restrictions Shall be attached by brackets to the barber shop being identified. Top of sign shall not extend above the roof line of the barber shop being identified.

Such signs may move or rotate, notwithstanding the general prohibition of moving or rotating signs in Section 8844.

2. Changeable Copy Signs. Permanent exterior signs or sections that are fixed in place and designed to be used with removable graphics to allow changing of copy. Such signs shall be allowed for facilities used primarily for the presentation of theatrical, cultural or sports events and shall be computed as part of the total sign area allowed.

Size, Height, Location and Other Restrictions Applicable under the appropriate Section, depending upon the type of sign utilized.

3. Commercial Banners, Flags, Pennants. Repealed Ordinance 1283(88), October 4, 1988.

4. Directory Signs. A sign or set of similarly designed individual signs placed or displayed in sequence, to list all or part of the businesses within a building or business complex.

Directory signs may be a part of a free standing sign or may be placed separately on a building. For conditions regarding free standing signs see section 8843.4.5.

Size When placed on a building, signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet in sign area for any one business so identified.

This section refers only to those signs that are to be placed upon an exterior wall or facade of the building. The total area of occupancy signs shall be limited to ten (10) percent of the facade of the building and shall not exceed forty (40) square feet area.

Height When mounted on a building, shall not extend above the roof line of the building on which the sign display is placed.

Location Commercial and industrial zones.

Other Restrictions Directory or occupancy signs may be combined with a free standing sign. When combined with a free standing sign, the combination shall be counted as part of the allowable sign area. For double-faced signs that are free standing, the double-faced sign may not exceed twenty-four (24) inches in thickness. As with free standing signs, they shall be required to be placed in a landscaped area not less than seventy (70) square feet in size. They should be monument-base style signs. When it is not possible or feasible to use a monument-base style sign, then pole signs may be used as long as they do not exceed eight (8) feet in height. The designs materials, and color of the structure supporting a free standing sign or business directory or combination thereof, shall be required to have a design,

similar materials, and colors of the structure or structures being identified.

Materials allowed are wood, masonry, stucco, or wood over steel frame, and pre-cast concrete.

5. Free-standing Business Center Identification Signs

Free-standing signs which identify a business center These may be a combination of business center identification signs as well as occupancy signs. These may be double-faced signs. They shall be maintained in a landscaped area surrounding the base of the sign not less than seventy (70) square feet in area. In the event it is not possible or feasible to provide the minimum landscaped area, then a pole sign may be used without a structural base. When a structural base is provided, it shall be limited to wood, masonry, stucco over wood or steel frame, and pre-cast concrete. The design, color, and materials shall be similar to the structure or structures being identified.

Size and Height Height shall be limited to eight (8) feet. The total sign area may not exceed 120 square feet (including both sides of the sign). Free-standing signs may be directory signs.

Other Restrictions Only one such sign may be displayed in each business center, or at each business existing on an individual legal parcel of land.

In the event that a business center being identified by one (1) sign consists of three (3) or fewer individual businesses, then each business may be identified on the free-standing sign. ~~Such signs shall be encouraged as a means of reducing the need for additional signage on the face of the buildings.~~

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6. Free Standing Individual Business Signs. Free-standing signs which identify a building, business, profession industry not associated with a business center.

Size and Height See "Free-Standing Signs" above.

Location In all commercial and industrial zones, not less than one (1) foot inside the property line.

Other Restrictions No more than one (1) such sign may be displayed on a legal parcel or lot. However, in the event that such parcel on which the individual business is located has two (2) frontages each of which has two hundred (200) feet or more, an additional sign shall be allowed for each such frontage. See also, "Directory Signs - Other Restrictions."

7. Gasoline Price Signs. On premise signs identifying the brand and/or type and price of gasoline sold.

Size and Height See Size Governed by state law. ~~However, the City recommends that these not exceed twelve (12) square feet in sign area unless dictated by law.~~

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Height Eight (8) feet.

Location In all commercial and industrial zones.

Other Restrictions Such signs shall be mounted as specified by law and shall be mounted in such a fashion that they are in a unified sign display.

8. Off Premise Signs Signs identifying a business activity, property, or product at some location other than where the sign is displayed.

Size Shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in sign area for a sign mounted flat on a building, or twenty-five (25) square feet for a free-standing sign.

Height Shall not exceed eight (8) feet if free standing.

Location In all commercial and industrial zones.

Other Restrictions Such signs may only identify a building, business, profession, or industry not fronting on any road or street, but only having a vehicle access to a road or street by means of an easement. Only one such sign should be displayed for each building, business, profession or industry.

See also, "Directory Signs - Other Restrictions."

9. On-Building Identification Signs. ~~Permanent signs mounted flat on a building which identify a building and/or which identify one or more businesses, professions, or industries conducted on the premises. Such signs shall be allowed as long as no more than three (3) signs for identification purposes are provided for any business, profession, or industry. For further definition, see Section 8843.4.4~~

~~Size Shall be computed as part of the allowable one hundred twenty (120) square feet of signage as indicated in the City's architectural Guidelines Handbook.~~

The following limitations shall apply in all commercial and industrial zones: Not more than three (3) signs as defined herein, provided that the total sign area for all allowable signs, for each site or occupancy, shall not exceed 2 sq. ft. of sign area for each lineal foot of street occupancy frontage, provided further that in no case shall the allowable sign area for each site or occupancy exceed 300 square feet. A building set back more than 250 feet shall have a maximum of three (3) square feet of sign area for each lineal foot of street or occupancy footage. Signs exceeding 450 square feet will not be allowed. A building of less than twenty five (25) lineal feet of street or occupancy footage shall be allowed fifty (50) of sign area.

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Height Shall not extend above the roof line of the same building upon which the sign is placed or displayed.

Location In all commercial industrial zones.

Other Restrictions Only one (1) on building sign shall be displayed per side of a commercial or industrial building with no more than three (3) such signs allowed per building. The Planning Department may issue a temporary permit, not-to-exceed ninety (90) days, for the provision of temporary signs, until such time as permanent signs can be installed on buildings. Such temporary signs shall be governed by all the rules and regulations specified in this Section.

(Ord. No. 1278(88), 1/5/88.)

10. Parking Lot Signs. Signs placed or displayed in parking lots to supply information to people using such lots, including such information in respect to liability, entry, exit, and directional information, as necessary to facilitate the safe movement of vehicles served by the parking area. Handicap parking provision signs are also covered under this subsection. Such signs are not intended to be advertising signs.

Size Shall not exceed four (4) square feet area.

Height Shall not exceed eight (8) feet, unless there are extenuating circumstances requiring identification of handicapped stall locations, as a result of changes in topography, or ground level, that do not permit handicapped persons access to visibility of such signs upon entry to parking lot areas.

Location Commercial and industrial zones, or on public use sites located in residential zones.

Other Restrictions Not applicable.

11. Projecting Signs. A sign characterized by its attachment at an angle to the face of the building as opposed to being mounted flat on the surface of a building except historical signs.

Size The area of such signs shall be in accordance with Section 8843.4.9. Such signs shall be counted as part of the total sign allowance on a particular site. Such signs shall be discouraged where it is possible to provide adequate signage flat against a building and below the roof line of a building. In no event shall such signs extend above the roof line of a building except historical signs.

Height Shall not exceed Measured to the top of roof or the height mansard.

Location Commercial and industrial zones.

Other Restrictions Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, a permit for a projecting sign shall not be issued unless such sign has been approved by the Building Official and in conformance with the Uniform Sign Code.

12. Time and Temperature Signs. Signs displaying the time or the temperature or both.

Size Shall not exceed eight (8) feet if free standing.

Location Commercial and industrial zones.

Other Restrictions If mounted on a building, the top of such sign shall not extend above the roof line of the building on which it is displayed. The sign area shall be computed as part of the total signage allowance for each business, profession, or industry being identified.

13. Under Canopy Signs. Signs suspended no lower than eight (8) feet above a walkway, under a canopy of a building, which identifies a business, profession, or industry conducted on the premises. Shall be computed as part of the total allowable sign area.

Size Shall not exceed four square feet in sign area per face.

Height Such sign shall extend no lower than eight feet above the area over which it is suspended.

Location In commercial and industrial zones.

Other Restrictions Such signs shall identify only a building, business, profession, or industry. Only one (1) such sign shall be displayed per entrance. ***Such signs may be located under an awning or canopy over a public sidewalk or right of way.***

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Section 8844 Signs Prohibited in all Zones

Section 8844.1 Bus Bench Signs.

Signs located on benches or on other similar structures provided for the use of passengers along the route of a bus are ~~prohibited~~ ***limited to four (4) square feet in area and are intended for pedestrians and not motorists.***

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Section 8844.2 Flashing signs.

Signs containing lights which flash, blink, or which give the appearance of the same, are prohibited, except for Time and Temperature Signs as allowed by Section 8843.4.12.

Section 8844.3 Moving or Rotating Signs

Signs designed to move or rotate in whole or in part are prohibited, except for Barber Poles, as allowed in Section 8845.4.

Section 8844.4 Off-premise Advertising Signs .

Signs used to advertise the availability of goods, property, or services at locations other than the premises on which the sign is located are prohibited,

except for Subdivision Directional Signs as allowed by Section 8843.2.5, and Off-premise Signs as allowed by Section 8843.4.8.

Section 8844.5 Portable Signs.

Sandwich Board "A": frame signs are prohibited **except as permitted in the Old Town redevelopment area.**

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Section 8844.6 Roof Signs.

Signs which project above the roof line of the building are prohibited.

Section 8847.7 Signs Interfering with Traffic Safety .

Signs adversely affecting vehicular traffic and pedestrian safety are prohibited.

Section 8844.8 Vehicle Signs.

Signs placed or displayed on vehicles parked primarily for the purpose of displaying the sign are prohibited, except for such signs as required by law.

Section 8844.9 Obsolete Signs.

Signs no longer identifying a business, profession, or industry that they were intended to identify. ~~Such signs~~ **The copy panel of such signs** shall be removed **or covered** within **ninety days (90)** following the ~~dissolution~~ closing of a business, professional office, or industrial activity.

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Section 8845 Permit Procedures.

All signs identified by this chapter as requiring the issuance of a permit, shall be governed by the criteria for permit applications established by the Planning Department and as approved by the Planning Commission. The Planning Department shall, within 30 days of adoption of this Ordinance, provide to the Planning commission, and organized procedure for the issuance of permits, along with instructions and directions to applicants to aid them in the most expeditious method of obtaining permits. Said procedure shall, from time to time, be reviewed by the Planning Commission for clarity and for workability.

Section 8845.1 Criteria for all Signs Requiring a Permit.

A permit application for a sign otherwise in compliance with this chapter shall be approved if said sign complies with the following criteria:

1. The sign should serve ~~primarily~~ to identify the business, ~~the establishment~~ **the entity, the organization** or the type of activity conducted on the same premises, of the project, service or interest being offered for sale lease, or rent, thereon, except as otherwise specifically provided above.
2. Illumination of signs, where not specifically prohibited by this chapter, should be at a level consistent with adequate identification and readability.

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3. The City's Architectural Handbook guidelines are complied with **regarding the structure, color and design structure of the sign enclosure.**

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4. Appropriate fees have been paid.

Section 8845.2 Permit Application Procedure

1. When a Sign Permit is required

Applicants are required to apply for permit prior to undertaking any construction.

2. Sign Program: Only one sign permit shall be required for each sign program.

Applicants shall be ~~encouraged~~ **required** to provide a sign program as opposed to obtaining single permits for groups of **two (2) or more** businesses, professional offices, or industrial complexes **when architectural approval is required for new construction**

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3. Application: Application shall be made on an application form provided by the Planning Department.

Section 8845.3 Sign Permit Application and Fees

Before a sign permit application is approved, the applicant must submit information to the Planning Department, as specified in the permit procedures required under Section 8845.1 and post required fees as determined by the City Council.

Section 8845.4 Duration of Permit

All permits are good for the life of the sign except for permits for those signs which are expressly specified as temporary signs pursuant to this Chapter.

Section 8845.5 Nullity of Permit.

A sign permit shall become null and void if the sign ~~or sign program or sign program~~ for which the permit was issued has not been installed within twelve (12) months of issuance of said permit **or twenty four (24) months if a sign programs signs have not been installed.**

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Section 8845.6 Revocation of Permit.

After notice and public hearing, any sign permit granted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter may be revoked upon a finding by the Planning Commission that the sign, or sign program for which the permit was granted, advertises the availability or sales of goods, property, or services no longer available, or is constructed, installed, or maintained in a manner that is not in accordance with the approved application. Planning Commission's action to revoke a sign permit may be appealed to the City Council. Such appeals shall be filed within ten (10) days of the Planning Commission's decision. The City Council may reverse, affirm, or modify any decision of the Planning Commission relating to revocation of a sign permit.

Section 8845.7 Action of Approving Authority for Permit Applications.

1. Scope of Authority: The Planning Department shall review all sign permit applications and shall either approve, approve with modifications, or deny said permit applications in accordance with the requirements of this chapter and any other applicable requirements of Federal State, or Local law, within fifteen (15) (calendar days from application.

2. Denial of Application. In the event of denial, the Planning Department shall provide written notice of the denial with explanation to the applicant, within five (5) calendar days after the decision is rendered.

Section 8845.8 Sign inventory.

An inventory and identification of pre-existing illegal or abandoned on-premise ~~advertising displays~~ **signs** shall be prepared within six (60 months

after the effective date of this ordinance. Abatement of such signs shall commence sixty (60) days after completion of the six (6) month inventory period. (Ord. 1283(88), 1014188.)

Section 8845.9 Planning Commission Authority

Exceptions: *The planning Commission at its sole discretion may approve a sign or signs which exceed the sizes established by this ordinance by up to twenty five (25) per cent.*

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Section 8846 Appeals.

Who May Appeal: Appeals provided for in this Article may be taken by any aggrieved person. For the purposes of this Article, aggrieved persons shall only include the following: The applicant for the sign permit.

2. Any interested person present at the hearing before the Planning Commission.
3. Any person, whether or not present at the hearing on the sign application, who owns, leases, or rents property within a distance of 300 feet of a parcel of land upon which the proposed sign is to be placed.
4. The City Council who may initiate appeal by directing the staff to proceed with an appeal.

Section 8846.2 Appeal Fees.

Appeals shall be accompanied by a filing fee, as set from time to time by City Council resolution.

Section 8846.3 Planning Department.

Any decision rendered by the Planning Department may be appealed to the Planning Commission. Such appeal must be submitted in writing to the Department no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the decision was rendered and must be accompanied by a filing fee in accordance with the fee schedule established by resolution of the City Council.

The Planning Department shall set the matter for hearing by the Planning Commission on the earliest convenient date and notify the appellant in writing of said date.

The appellant or his authorized representative must appear in person at the Planning Commission hearing. If no such appearance is made by the appellant or his authorized representative, and no continuance of said hearing has been sought, the appeal shall be denied.

Section 8846.4 Planning Commission Decisions.

Any decision rendered by the Planning Commission may be appealed to the City Council. Such appeal must be submitted in writing to the City Clerk no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the decision was rendered and must be accompanied by a filing fee in accordance With the fee schedule established by the City Council.

The City clerk shall set the matter for hearing by the City Council on the earliest convenient date and notify the appellant in writing of said date. The appellant or his authorized representatives must appear in person at the City Council hearing. If no such appearance is made by the appellant or his authorized representative, and no continuance of said hearing has been sought, the appeal shall be denied.

Section 8847. Severability.

if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Article is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and an independent provision and such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases herein are declared invalid or unconstitutional. (Ord. No. 1203(84), 7/17/84.)