

ARTICLE XIV

SIGNS

1401 PURPOSE

To establish a minimum regulation for public and private signs and lights to encourage signage and lighting and other communications which aid orientation, identify activities, express local history and character or serve other educational purposes, and to reduce conflict between signs and lighting, and the private and public communication system.

The display of official public notices, the flag, emblem or insignia of all governmental bodies shall not be governed by the provisions of this Resolution.

Holiday display lighting shall be exempted from the requirements of this Resolution.

1402 DEFINITION

"Sign" means any display, figure, painting, drawing, placard, poster or other device visible from a public way which is designed, intended or used to convey a message, advertise, inform or direct attention to a building, person, institution, organization, activity, place, object or product. It may be a structure or part thereof painted on or attached directly or indirectly on a structure.

"Temporary Sign" means a sign with or without a structural frame intended for a limited period of display.

"Wall Sign" means a sign integral with the face of an exterior building wall or mansard roof, or attached to and parallel with the wall or roof.

"Projected Sign" means a sign attached to an outside building wall and which projects at a ninety degree angle there from.

"Ground Sign" means a sign whose horizontal length is greater than its vertical height and which has a supporting base designed as an integral part of the sign resting totally or primarily on or in the ground.

"Pole Sign" means a sign which is supported by or suspended from a freestanding column or columns and designed so as to permit pedestrian or vehicular movement there under.

“Canopy Sign” means a sign attached to the soffit or fascia of a canopy, covered entrance, walkway, or to a permanent awning or marquee and not projecting beyond the edges of same.

“Pylon Sign” means a sign exceeding five feet in height whose sign face area extends from the top of the sign to the ground and whose vertical height is greater than its horizontal length.

“Portable Sign” means a sign designed to be set upon the ground and which is removable, not anchored to the ground permanently.

“Roof Sign” means a sign erected and maintained above the roof of a building.

1403 GENERAL

A. Area measurements for any sign consisting of separate letters or designs or symbols or parts thereof that are constructed without being fixed to a background structure shall be made by measuring the overall area occupied by the letters as if affixed to a background structure.

B. Any number of signs that are attached to a common supporting structure shall be considered one sign for determining square footage and area requirements.

C. A sign for a conditional use shall be constructed and maintained as approved at the time the conditional use is approved.

D. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Resolution, signs within six hundred and sixty (660) feet of the Interstate Highway System and Federal Aid Primary System shall be erected and maintained in general accord with Federal and Ohio laws in regard to advertising devices along the Interstate System, if such laws are more restrictive than the provisions of this Resolution, they shall apply.

E. Signs for identifying developments or subdivisions must conform to all Residential (RI-1) sign requirements.

1404 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

A. One pole, wall or pylon sign advertising the sale of products raised or produced on the premises shall be permitted providing it does not exceed nine (9) square feet per face.

B. Signs for home occupation, professional activities and non-conforming uses, where existing or permitted, shall not exceed nine (9) square feet per face.

C. The minimum setback for all residential signs other than 1404 D. shall be forty-two (42) inches from the road right-of-way with a maximum height of forty-two (42) inches.

D. Bulletin boards and signs for a church, school, community or other public or semipublic institution shall be permitted provided the area of such sign does not exceed twenty (20) square feet per face. Minimum setback shall be five (5) feet from the road right-of-way.

E. No building wall shall be used for display of advertising except pertaining to the use carried on within such building.

1405 TEMPORARY SIGNS – RESIDENTIAL (RI-1, RI-2, MR-1)

The following signs are allowed without a permit:

A. Construction or Production signs – one (1) unlighted sign of up to nine (9) square feet per face identifying parties involved in construction on the premises where the sign is located. These signs must be removed within fourteen (14) days after the completion of construction.

B. Real Estate signs - one (1) unlighted sign of up to twenty (20) square feet per face pertaining to the sale, rental, or lease of the premises on which the sign is displayed, to be removed within fourteen (14) days after sale, rental, or lease.

C. Event signs – unlighted signs of up to thirty-two (32) square feet per face displayed on private property and limited to one (1) per premise announcing a campaign drive or religious activity, not to exceed thirty (30) days per event.

D. Temporary displays or signs advocating the election of a candidate or candidates or the passage or disapproval of an issue shall not be governed by the provisions of the Article provided the same are removed within ten (10) days after the completion of the election involved. Failure to remove such signs herein shall be deemed a violation of this Resolution.

E. Temporary signs not exceeding forty-two (42) inches in height shall have a minimum setback of not closer than three (3) feet from road right-of-way. Temporary signs in excess of forty-two (42) inches in height shall have a minimum setback of not closer than twenty (20) feet from the road right-of-way.

F. Signs for garage, yard and rummage sales, etc. shall be posted on premises only, not to exceed nine (9) square feet per face. To be removed after five (5) days.

G. No sign shall overhang the public right-of-way.

H. Zoning Inspector is authorized to remove temporary signs in violation of Section 1405. Signs will be held not more than fourteen (14) days and, if not retrieved, disposed of.

1406 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS (GB-1)

A. The erection of outdoor advertising signs shall be permitted in all General Business Districts (GB-1) provided such signs advertize a business or service conducted on the premises and the size of the sign including setback requirements shall be provided as specified herein.

B. The area for all wall, roof, and canopy signs located on the premises with any general business use shall be limited to an area not to exceed one and one-half (1 ½) square feet per lineal foot of building width. Projections or wall signs shall not exceed two (2) feet measured from the nearest part of the building except as specifically permitted.

C. Free-standing pole or pylon signs serving any individual business or group of business establishments shall be permitted if they have no more than a total sign area of fifty (50) square feet per face and are located not closer than ten (10) feet to any road right-of-way or adjoining lot line. Minimum height to bottom of sign shall be fifteen (15) feet, in area of vehicular movement.

D. Ground signs – serving an individual business or group of business establishments shall be permitted if they have not more than a total sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet per face and no portion of the sign is located closer than ten (10) feet to any road, right-of-way, or adjoining lot line.

1407 LETTERING SIZE GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS (GB-1)

Building signs shall not employ letters exceeding eighteen (18) inches in height.

1408 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS (LI-1)

A. The erection of outdoor advertising signs shall be permitted in all Light industrial Districts (LI-1) provided such signs advertise a business or service conducted on the premises and the size of the sign including setback requirements shall be provided as specified herein.

B. The area for all wall, roof, and canopy signs located on the premises within any Light industrial Districts (LI-1) shall be limited to an area not to exceed one

and one-half (1 ½) square feet per lineal foot of building width. Projections or wall signs shall not exceed two (2) feet measured from the nearest part of the building except as specifically permitted.

C. Free-standing pole or pylon signs serving any individual business or group of business establishments shall be permitted if they have no more than a total sign area of fifty (50) square feet per face and are located not closer than twenty (20) feet to any road right-of-way or adjoining lot line. Minimum height to bottom of sign shall be fifteen (15) feet, in areas of vehicular movement.

D. Ground signs – serving an individual business or group of business establishments shall be permitted if they have not more than a total sign area of fifty (50) square feet per face and no portion of the sign is located closer than twenty (20) feet to any road, right-of-way, or adjoining lot line.

E. Signs and outdoor advertising structures or billboards except as specifically permitted within this Article shall be set back from the established right-of-way line of any road or highway at a minimum of twenty (20) feet except for the following modifications:

For every square foot by which such sign or outdoor advertising structure exceeds fifty (50) square feet, such setback shall be increased by one-half (1/2) foot but such setback need not exceed one hundred (100) feet.

F. No sign shall overhang the public right-of-way.

G. No sign shall extend more than thirty-five (35) feet in overall height.

1409 LETTERING SIZE OF LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS (LI-1)

A. Building signs shall not employ letters exceeding thirty-six (36) inches in height.

1410 ILLUMINATION GENERAL BUSINESS (GB-1) & LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI-1)

A. Signs shall be illuminated only by steady, stationary, shielded light sources directed solely at the sign, or internal to it; without causing glare for motorists, pedestrians or neighboring premises.

B. Illuminated signs, including neon signs, shall not produce more than one (1) foot candle of illumination four (4) feet from the sign.

C. All permanent outdoor lights such as those used for area lighting or building floodlighting shall be steady, stationary, shielded sources directed so as to avoid

glare for motorists, pedestrians, or neighboring premises. The marginal increase in light, as measured at any property line other than a street line, shall not exceed one (1) foot candle.

1411 PROHIBITED DEVICES

- A. No sign or light shall move, flash, or make noise.
- B. Fluorescent colors in the yellow and red spectrum are prohibited.

1412 ADMINISTRATION

- A. No sign, except those specifically exempted by this Resolution shall be erected without a permit issued by the Township Zoning Inspector, application for which shall be accompanied by such scale drawings, photographs, and other information as requested by the Zoning Inspector as evidence of the permit.
- B. Garage sale or other signs located within the right-of-way prohibited.
- C. Fees for sign permits shall be fixed by the Township Trustees.
- D. Appeals may be made to the Zoning Board of Appeals by the same procedure governing other zoning appeals.

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