

Zoning-info

Sign Code

in the

Central Commercial Zone

(Downtown and New Town Areas)

Allowed Signage

(Based on general situations, please contact the Planning Department for all permitting.)

- Sign Permits are required prior to installing any signs larger than 3 square feet in area.
- Signs may only advertise for the business(es) or activities on the property.
- Signs cannot interfere or obstruct or be confused with any traffic signs, signals or devices.
- Signs cannot be located within 40 feet of an intersection, measured at the center line of the intersecting streets.
- Grand opening signs may only be up for 14 days and only up to 24 square feet in size, and only 1 grand opening event can occur in a 12-month period.

PERMANENT WALL SIGNS

Must be:

- Flat against a building; or
- Flat against a parapet or marquee

Wall signs may not exceed 2 square feet of sign area for each linear foot of primary street frontage for each floor level.



This includes all signs on all the sides and stories of the building.

Exceptions:

- Individually painted or attached raised letters for the business name
- Services symbols; e.g., parking, restrooms, phones, etc.
- Commemorative plaques

PERMANENT PROJECTING SIGNS

- 1 projecting sign per street frontage or business façade.
- Sign may not exceed 50 square feet in area
- Sign may be double sided ***IF both sides are identical.***
- Signs on top of a marquee or parapet are considered Projecting Signs
- ***However,*** if the sign projects over the property line, the sign must be 12 inches away from the curb and at least 8 feet of clearance above the sidewalk.



PROHIBITED SIGNS AND

MATERIALS

- Temporary signs
- Banners
- Streamers
- Pennants
- Blimps
- Balloons
- Non-rigid vinyl or other synthetic material
- Signs advertising a specific offer or product or price (**except** window signs)
- Signs containing luminescent, fluorescent, prismatic, phosphorescent, “day-glo,” “hot,” or “neon” paints.

Exceptions:

- There are exceptions and other criteria concerning signs in the Central Commercial zone. Contact the Planning Department for more details.

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HANGING SIGNS

- 1 hanging sign per tenant per street frontage entry.
- Sign may be double sided but may not exceed 10 square feet total area.
- Sign must be 12 inches away from the curb and at least 8 feet above the sidewalk. **Except** if the sign is under an existing canopy that is less than 8 feet 6 inches in height above the sidewalk, then the sign must provide 7 feet of clearance above the sidewalk.



WINDOW SIGNS

- Signs are allowed to be placed in store windows **without** a permit.
- Signs cannot cover more than 40% of any window.
- Window Signs may advertise a specific offer or product or price.



PERMANENT SIGNS CANNOT conceal any window or door opening, trim or significant architectural feature of any building.