

SIGN HANDBOOK for 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County



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These rules are specific to the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County, and rules are not the same within joint jurisdictional areas around Sioux Falls and Dell Rapids.

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Permit Fees. A fee for each permit is based on the construction costs as adopted by Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners. The fee schedules for the issuance of a building permit shall be as follows:

Dwellings - site built	
Finished habitable space	\$95.55 per square foot
Finished basements	\$60.90 per square foot
Unfinished space (basement)	\$35.70 per square foot
Attached garages	\$35.70 per square foot
Detached garages, accessory structures, & decks	\$30.45 per square foot
Dwellings - moved	
Finished habitable space	\$31.50 per square foot
Finished basements	\$60.90 per square foot
Unfinished space (basement)	\$35.70 per square foot
Attached garages (moved on)	\$25.20 per square foot
Detached garages & accessory structures (moved on)	\$12.60 per square foot
Manufactured and Mobile Homes	
Finished habitable space	\$36.75 per square foot
Finished basements	\$60.90 per square foot
Unfinished space (basement and upper level)	\$35.70 per square foot
Foundation (no basement)	\$12.60 per square foot
Attached garages	\$35.70 per square foot
Detached garages	\$30.45 per square foot
Agricultural Structures	\$24.15 per square foot

To figure the building permit fee: multiply total square footage cost by the appropriate percentage listed below.

Residential structures\$60.00 or .4% of the construction costs, which ever is greater.

Commercial/Industrial Structures.....\$100.00 or 1% of the constructions costs, which ever is greater.

Agricultural structures.....\$30.00 or .2% of the construction costs, which ever is greater.

Temporary Building Permit Fee.....\$60.00

Building Permit Extension.....\$50.00 (maximum 180 days)

Zoning Permit\$50.00

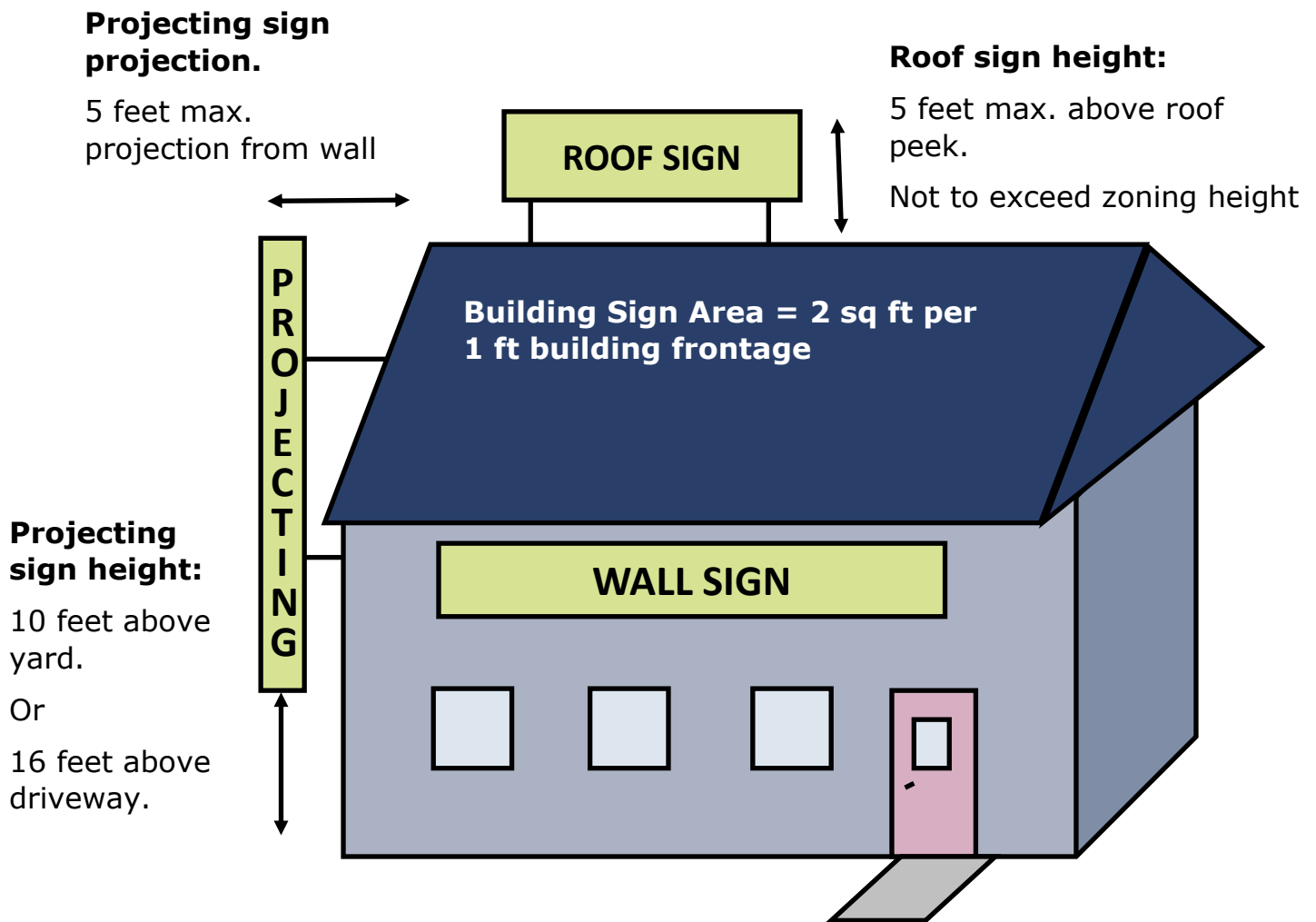
Other Inspections and Fees.

1. Inspection outside of normal business hours, per hour* (*minimum charge—one hour) \$70.00
2. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated, per hour*
 (*minimum charge—one-half hour) \$70.00
3. A mileage fee based on the current rate per mile authorized by the Internal Revenue Service shall be charged for any inspection occurring outside Minnehaha County.

ON-PREMISE SIGN REGULATIONS C, I-1, I-2 Zoning Districts

Wall, Roof, and Projecting Signs (Building Sign):

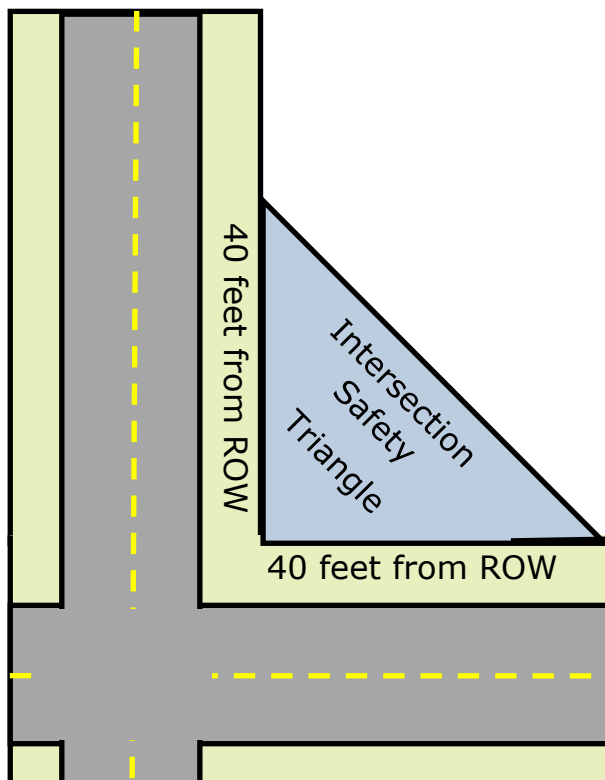
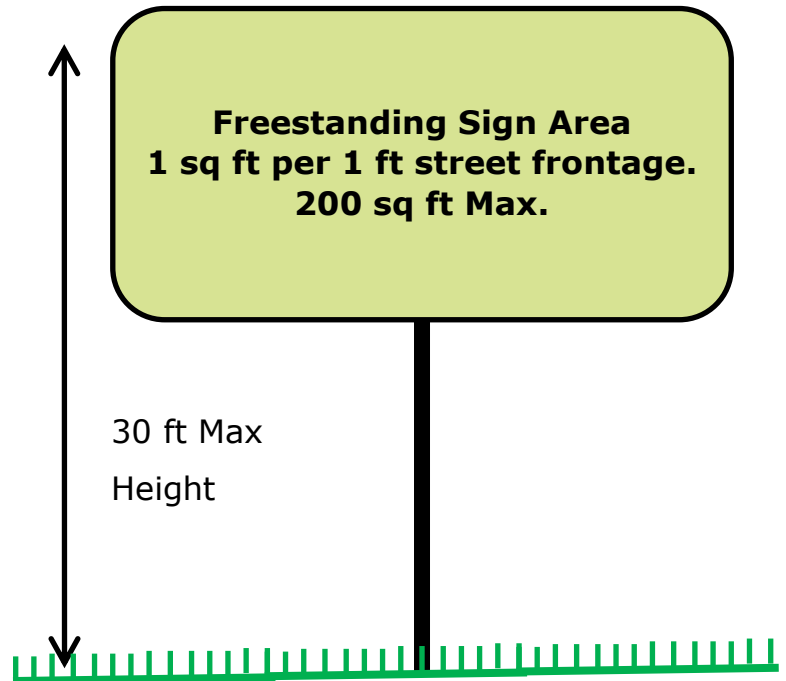
- Total area of all signs on the building can be 2 square feet per linear foot of building frontage, or 15% of the area of the frontage wall.



ON-PREMISE SIGN REGULATIONS C, I-1, I-2 Zoning Districts

Freestanding Signs:

- 1 sign structure per parcel
 - (ex. Properties over 300 feet of street frontage - then total sign area may not exceed 200 square feet)
- Sign location in front or rear yard
- Must comply with intersection safety zone



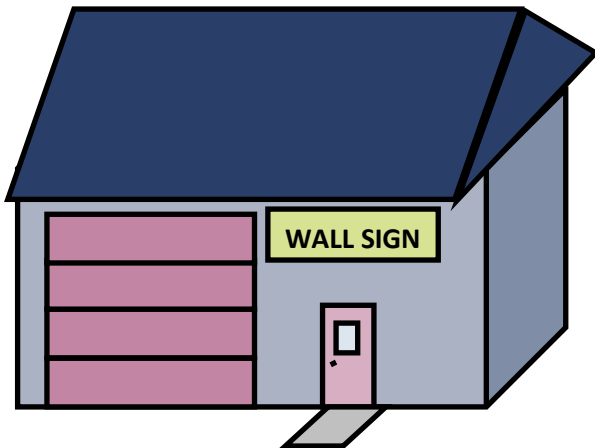
Intersection Safety:

- Sign face to not obstruct view of an intersection by setback 40 feet from each intersecting road as depicted on the left
- Signs within the triangle must have sign face 12 feet above grade

ON-PREMISE SIGN REGULATIONS A-1 & RC Zoning Districts

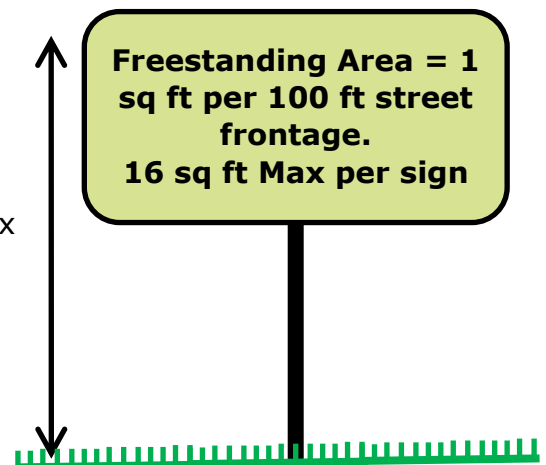
Wall Sign:

- Total sign area is 1 square foot per 2 linear feet of building frontage.
- Max 16 square feet for all combined signs
- Not allowed on single family dwellings

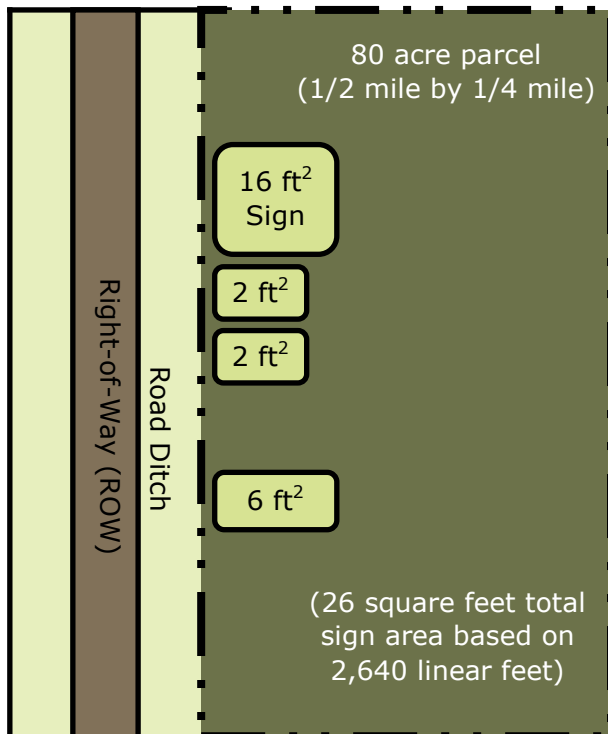


Freestanding Signs:

- 1 square foot per 100 linear feet of street frontage
- One or more sign structures per parcel
 - Each sign has a maximum area of 16 square feet
- Max height of 10 feet
- Must comply with intersection safety zone



Freestanding Sign Area Example:



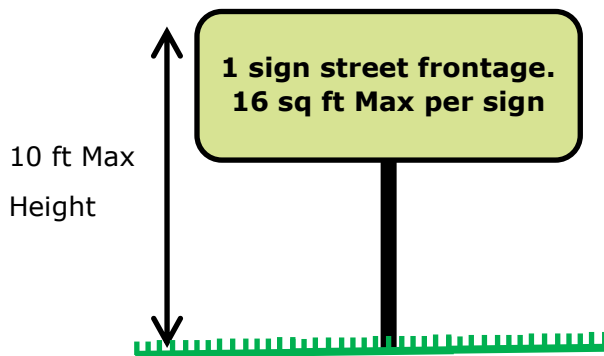
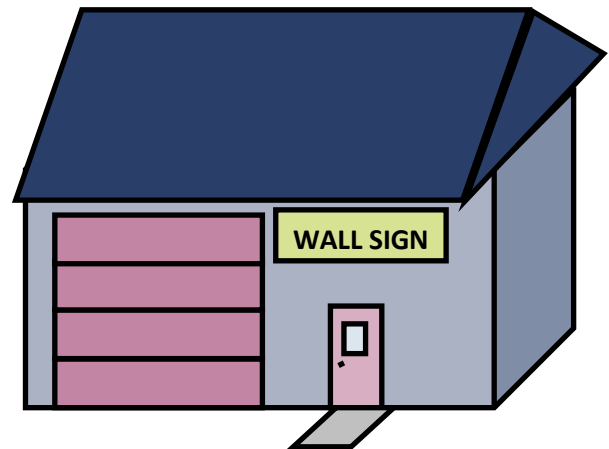
Intersection Safety:

- Sign face to not obstruct view of an intersection by setback 40 feet from each intersecting road as depicted on the left
 - Signs within the triangle must have sign face 12 feet above grade
- (see page #? for illustration)

ON-PREMISE SIGN REGULATIONS RR & R-1 Zoning Districts

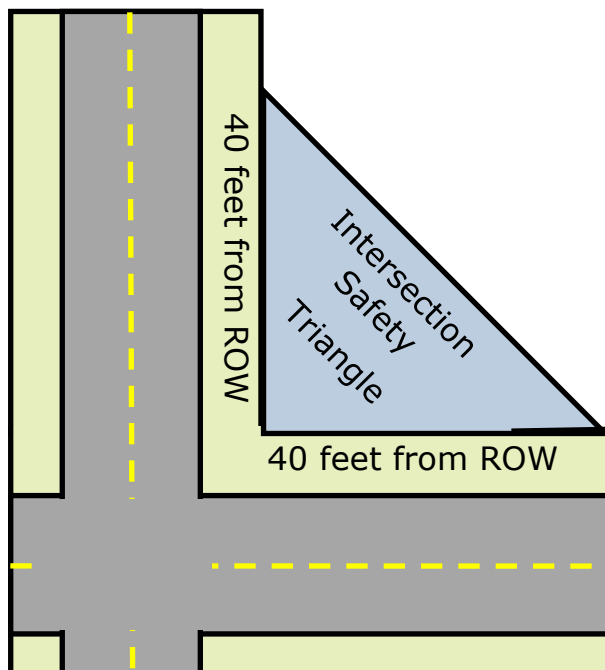
Wall Sign:

- Total sign area is 1 square foot per 2 linear feet of building frontage.
- Max 16 square feet
- Not allowed on single family dwellings
- except by Special Use Sign
- Not illuminated



Freestanding Signs:

- Multi family & apartments
 - One sign structure per street frontage
 - Each sign has a maximum area of 16 square feet
- Single family dwellings
 - As allowed by Special Use Sign
- Must comply with intersection safety zone
- Not illuminated



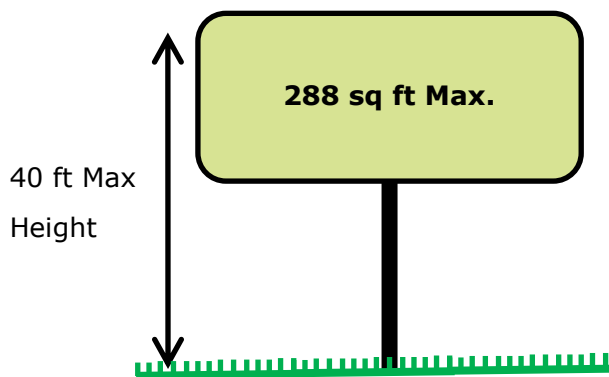
Intersection Safety:

- Sign face to not obstruct view of an intersection by setback 40 feet from each intersecting road as depicted on the left
- Signs within the triangle must have sign face 12 feet above grade
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OFF-PREMISE SIGN REGULATIONS C, I-1, I-2 Zoning Districts

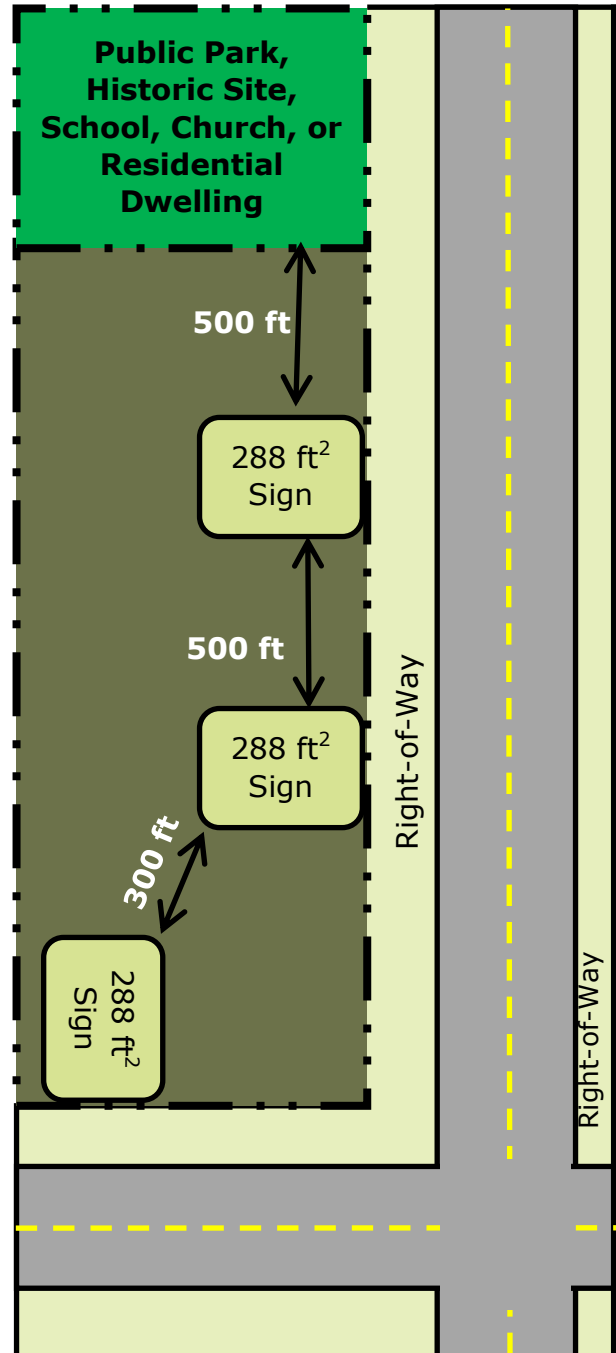
Off-Premise Signs:

- Max 288 square feet
- Max height of 40 feet
- Lights shall be shielded



Off-Premise Sign Spacing:

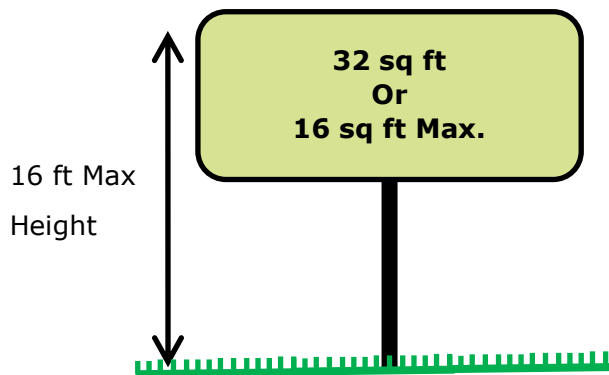
- 500 feet radius between off-premise signs intended to be read from the same right-of-way
- 300 feet radius between off-premise signs intended to be read from a different right-of-way
 - Spacing measurements apply to signs on the same side of the highway
 - Spacing requirements do not apply to signs separated by buildings or other obstructions in such a manner that only one sign facing located within the above spacing distance is visible from the road ROW at one time



OFF-PREMISE SIGN REGULATIONS A1 & RC Zoning Districts

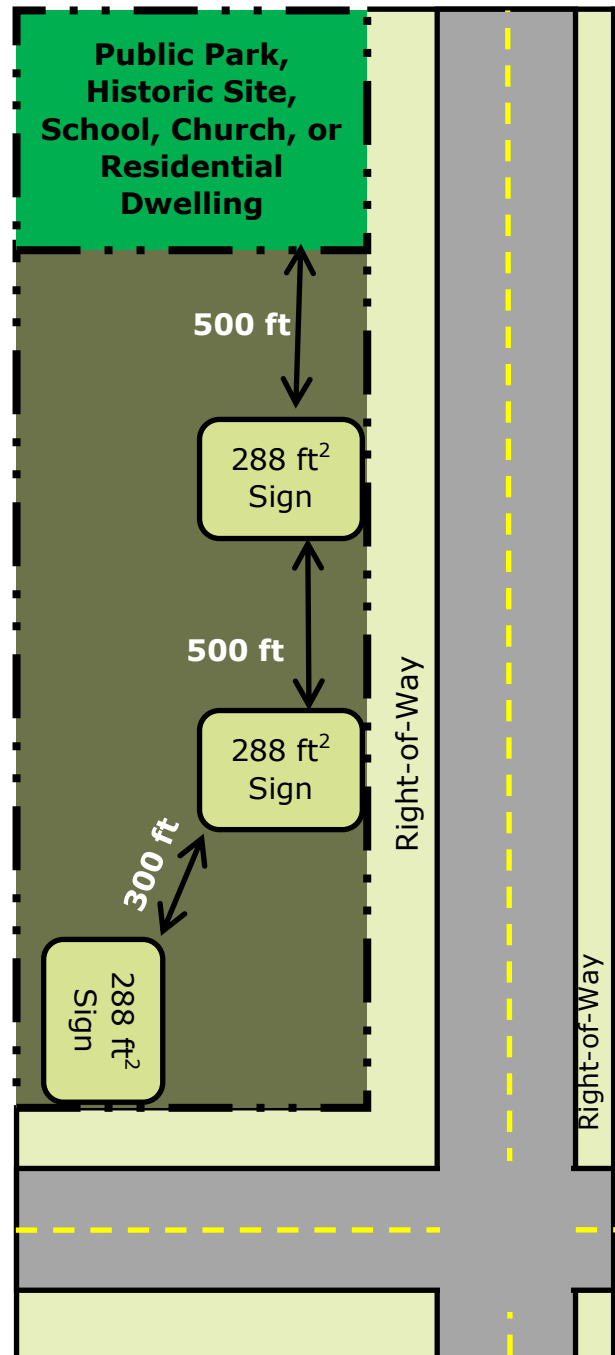
Off-Premise Signs:

- State & County Hwy Max 32 square feet
- All other roads 16 square feet
- Max height of 40 feet
- Not illuminated
- Not Electronic Message Sign



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- 500 feet radius between off-premise signs intended to be read from the same right-of-way
- 300 feet radius between off-premise signs intended to be read from a different right-of-way
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SPECIAL SITUATIONS

The following signs may be allowed in addition to the signs permitted in Section 16.02, but signs must be in conformance with all other state and local laws.

(A). AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATION.

Gasoline dispensing stations may have, in addition to other signs, one 12 square foot sign on each street frontage.

(B). INTERSTATE HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE.

In the C, I-1 and I-2 Districts, businesses which are adjacent to both the interstate and the intersecting cross street may by conditional use erect one additional on-premise freestanding sign not to exceed 200 square feet or 60 feet in height.

(C). CONSTRUCTION SIGNS. Additional signage may be placed on a property during the time a property has an active building permit. The total sign area shall not exceed 100 square feet or 20 feet in height and shall be removed within one week after final inspection or upon the expiration of the building permit, whichever comes first.

(D). NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTIFICATION SIGNS. In any zone, a masonry wall, landscaping and other similar material or feature may be combined to form a display for neighborhood or tract identification, provided that the legend of such signs or display shall consist only of the neighborhood or tract name, and the sign area shall not exceed 32 square feet.

(E). INSTITUTIONAL SIGNS.

Churches, cemeteries, schools, day care centers, institutional and public uses in the agricultural and residential districts may have an on-premise sign not exceeding 32 square feet in area per frontage. Institutional signs require a building permit prior to construction/placement of the sign.

(F). INTEGRAL SIGNS. Names of buildings, dates of erection, monumental citations, commemorable tablets, and the like, of permanent type construction and made an integral part of the building structure shall be permitted not to exceed 16 square feet per building.

(G). PRIVATE TRAFFIC DIRECTIONAL SIGNS.

Signs directing traffic movement into, out of or within the commercial premise. Such signs shall not exceed an area of four square feet per sign face and four feet in height. Only two private directional signs are allowed per legal driveway.

(H). REAL ESTATE SIGNS. Temporary signs shall be permitted while a property is actively listed for sale. The total sign area of such signs shall not exceed 32 square feet for each street frontage.

(I). SPECIAL USE SIGNS: In the A-1 Agricultural, RC Recreation/Conservation, RR Rural Residential, and R-1 Residential zoning districts, uses which are governed by a Conditional Use Permit, Major Home Occupation, or Agricultural Tourism Permit may have freestanding, wall, roof, or projecting signs on the premise in accordance with the stipulations of the permit. The total sign area of each sign shall not exceed 32 square feet. Special use signs require a building permit prior to construction/placement.

(J). BANNERS. Each commercial and industrial zoned property may have one banner no larger than 32 square feet at all times. Additional banners within commercial or industrial zoned property can be placed for a maximum of 21 days during any calendar year. Banners shall be securely mounted or affixed with rigid posts, frame, structure, or building.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

EXEMPTIONS

The following signs and devices are exempt from all aspects of this article, including permit requirements and limitations on size, location, and number:

(A). **PUBLIC SIGNS.** Signs of a noncommercial nature and in the public interest, erected by, or on the order of, a public officer in the performance of his duty shall be permitted.

(B). **PROPERTY RIGHTS SIGNS.** A property owner may post a sign that indicates a property owner's right of exclusion. These signs include no hunting, no trespassing, no soliciting, and similar signs.

(C). **SPECTATOR SIGNS.** A sign that is physically oriented toward spectators of an event and not physically oriented so as to attract the motoring public, such as a sign located on the fence of a baseball field, football field, racetrack, or outdoor stadium.

(D). **WINDOW SIGNS.** A sign affixed to a window of an enclosed building, including the window or glass area of a door.

(E). **ART.** Art as defined as an artistic painting, image, or sculpture created on an individual basis which contains no commercial message, image, trademark, or logo can be created within any zoning district.

TEMPORARY AND PORTABLE SIGNS.

Temporary and portable signs shall not exceed 32 square feet and may be displayed for 60 days per calendar year in the C and I Districts. It shall be the duty of the user of the sign to:

(A). Notify in writing and obtain approval from the Planning Director prior to placement of said sign.

(B). Notify in writing the Planning Director upon removal of said sign. The Planning Director shall continue to deduct one day from the 60 days allowed per calendar year until notice of removal is received or a total of 60 days has elapsed.

(C). Place the signs in locations so that the provisions of this article and all other applicable codes and ordinances are complied with.



Temporary Sign.



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PROHIBITED SIGNS

The following signs are prohibited:

(A). PARKING OF ADVERTISING VEHICLES PROHIBITED. No person shall park any vehicle or trailer on a public right-of-way, or public property, or on private property so as to be visible from a public right-of-way, which has attached thereto or located thereon, any sign or advertising device for the basic purpose of providing advertisement of products or directing people to a business or activity located on the same premises or any other premise. This is not intended to prohibit any form of vehicular signage such as a sign attached to a bus or lettering on a motor vehicle.

(B). NUISANCE SIGNS. Signs which imitate an official traffic sign or signal or which are of a size, location, movement, content, coloring or manner of illumination which may be confused with or construed as a traffic control device or which hide from view any traffic, street sign or signal shall be removed upon notice.

(C). BEACONS, SEARCHLIGHTS, AND FLASHING SIGNS. Beacons, searchlights, and flashing signs shall be prohibited.

(D). SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY. Except where required by law or permitted by the County, any sign installed or placed within any right-of-way or public property shall be deemed illegal and shall be forfeited to the public and subject to immediate confiscation.

(E). MOVEMENT. Signs shall not have moving parts or have the illusion of motion as part of the sign, except banner, pennants and similar lightweight signs which move with the atmosphere.

SIGN ORDINANCE ARTICLES

ARTICLE 16.00 ON-PREMISE SIGNS

(amended MC16-161-19)

- SECTIONS:
- 16.01 Intent
 - 16.02 Permitted Signs and Sign Area
 - 16.03 Regulations and Limitations of Permitted Signs
 - 16.04 Special Situations
 - 16.05 Exemptions
 - 16.06 Illumination
 - 16.07 Temporary and Portable Signs
 - 16.08 Prohibited Signs
 - 16.09 Maintenance and Removal

16.01 INTENT. These regulations provide standards for the erection and maintenance of private signs. The principal feature of this section is the restriction on the total sign area permissible per site. All private signs shall be erected and maintained in accordance with the following standards. The general objectives of these standards are to promote health, safety, welfare and in part to achieve the following:

- (A). SAFETY: To promote the safety of persons and property by providing that signs:
 - (1). Do not create a hazard due to collapse, fire, collision, decay, or abandonment;
 - (2). Do not create traffic hazards by confusing or distracting motorists, or by impairing the driver's ability to see pedestrians, obstacles, or other vehicles, or to see and interpret any official traffic sign, signal or device.
 - (3). Aid the traveling public in navigation to the locations of businesses and services
- (B). COMMUNICATIONS EFFICIENCY: To promote the efficient transfer of information by providing that:
 - (1). Businesses and services may identify themselves;
 - (2). Customers and persons may locate a business or service;
 - (3). No person or group is arbitrarily denied the use of the sight line from public rights-of-way for communication purposes.
- (C). LANDSCAPE QUALITY AND PRESERVATION: To protect the public welfare and to enhance the appearance and economic value of the landscape by providing that signs:
 - (1). Do not create a nuisance to persons using the public rights-of-way;
 - (2). Do not constitute a nuisance to occupancy of adjacent and contiguous property by their brightness, size, height or movement.
 - (3). Protect and preserve the aesthetic quality and physical appearance of the county.

SIGN ORDINANCE ARTICLES

CONTINUED ARTICLE 16.00 ON-PREMISE SIGNS

16.02 PERMITTED SIGNS AND SIGN AREA. In the following districts, the sign area and height set forth shall apply to all signs on the premises except as provided in Section 16.05:

(A). A-1 AGRICULTURAL AND RC RECREATION/CONSERVATION DISTRICTS:

(amended by MC16-53-00)

(1). Freestanding signs: one or more freestanding signs with the total combined area of one square foot for every 100 linear feet of road frontage.

(a). The total area of any one sign shall not exceed 16 square feet.

(b). The maximum height shall not exceed 10 feet.

(2). Wall signs: On buildings or structures not used as a single family dwelling, a wall sign with the area of one square foot for every 2 linear feet of building frontage with a maximum of 16 square feet of sign area.

(3). Reserved

(B). RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND R-1 RESIDENTIAL:

(1). Wall signs:

(a). On buildings or structures not used as a single family dwelling, a wall sign with the area of one square foot for every 2 linear feet of building frontage with a maximum of 16 square feet of sign area.

(b). As allowed by section 16.05 Special Use Signs

(2). Freestanding signs:

(a). Multi family structures and apartments may have one freestanding sign per street frontage not to exceed 16 square feet in size per sign.

(b). Single family dwellings may have one freestanding sign in conjunction with a Home Occupation or Conditional Use Permit as allowed by section 16.05 (I) Special Use Signs.

(C). C COMMERCIAL, I-1 AND I-2 INDUSTRIAL:

(1). Wall, roof, or projecting signs: (amended by MC16-19-94)

(a). The total sign area on structures which are two stories or less in height shall not exceed two square feet for each linear foot of building frontage.

(b). The total sign area on structures which are greater than two stories in height shall not exceed either two square feet for each linear foot of building frontage, or 15% of the area of the frontage wall, whichever is greater.

(2). Freestanding signs having a total sign area not to exceed one square foot for each linear foot of road frontage or 200 square feet, whichever is less.

(a). The maximum sign height shall be 30 feet. (amended by MC16-69-04)

SIGN ORDINANCE ARTICLES

CONTINUED ARTICLE 16.00 ON-PREMISE SIGNS

16.03 REGULATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF PERMITTED SIGNS.

(A). WALL SIGNS. Wall signs may be located anywhere on the wall of a building.

(B). PROJECTING SIGNS.

(1). Projecting signs may project no more than five feet from the building face.

(2). Projecting signs shall have a minimum clearance of ten feet above grade level about any yard or sidewalk and 16 feet above any road or drive.

(3). Projecting signs may project no more than five feet above the top of a parapet or roof line including the framework or support.

(C). ROOF SIGNS. Roof signs shall rise no higher than five feet above the top of a parapet or roof line and shall not exceed the height limits for the zoning district.

(D). FREESTANDING SIGNS.

(1). Freestanding signs within C Commercial, I-1, and I-2 Industrial zoning districts shall be limited to one sign structure per street frontage except that businesses on frontages of 300 feet or more may erect two freestanding signs; however, the total sign area for both signs may not exceed that allowed for the street frontage.

(2). Freestanding signs shall be located only in the front or side yard.

(3). Freestanding signs shall not project over public property.

(4). Freestanding signs shall not be erected within the intersection safety zone triangle of two intersecting streets or a street and railroad. The intersection safety zone triangle, in this case, shall be the triangular area formed by measuring 40 feet from the intersection along both roads and connecting these two points with a straight line.

Exceptions: Freestanding signs may be located in the intersection safety zone triangle when the sign and sign structure comply with the following:

(a). The sign face is located 12 feet above the grade level of the street; and

(b). The sign structure is of such a size and spacing as to not obstruct the view of said intersection.

(E). ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGNS.

(1). Electronic message signs placement:

(a). Any permitted sign within a commercial or industrial zoning district may be an electronic message sign.

(b). In the A1 Agricultural and RC Recreational Zoning Districts, electronic message signs are allowed for signs which require a building permit.

(c). Electronic message signs must be setback a minimum 300 feet from any residential structure.

(2). Message hold time: Electronic message signs shall display a static message which may not change or be changed for a period of 6 seconds.

(3). Message transitions: The transition from one static display message to the next shall be limited to gradual

SIGN ORDINANCE ARTICLES

CONTINUED ARTICLE 16.00 ON-PREMISE SIGNS

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(1). Electronic message signs placement:

(a). Any permitted sign within a commercial or industrial zoning district may be an electronic message sign.

(b). In the A1 Agricultural and RC Recreational Zoning Districts, electronic message signs are allowed for signs which require a building permit.

(c). Electronic message signs must be setback a minimum 300 feet from any residential structure.

(2). Message hold time: Electronic message signs shall display a static message which may not change or be changed for a period of 6 seconds.

(3). Message transitions: The transition from one static display message to the next shall be limited to gradual movements including, but not limited to, dissolve, fade, or traveling; however, sudden movement is prohibited, including, but not limited to blinking and flashing.

ARTICLE 17.00 OFF-PREMISE SIGNS

(amended by MC16-161-19)

SECTIONS:	17.01	Purpose and Intent
	17.02	General Regulations
	17.03	Conditional Uses
	17.04	Exceptions
	17.05	Prohibited Signs
	17.06	Maintenance and Removal

17.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT. The purpose of this article is to prevent the uncontrolled use of off-premise signs so as to promote the health, safety and general welfare of those persons using the public rights-of-way. These regulations are intended to preserve the overall landscape quality of the county while allowing the reasonable use of signs to inform the traveling public. This is accomplished through the application of standards for size, illumination and separation. This article is not intended to regulate objects that traditionally are not considered signs for purposes of governmental regulations.

SIGN ORDINANCE ARTICLES

CONTINUED ARTICLE 17.00 OFF-PREMISE SIGNS

17.02 GENERAL REGULATIONS.

(A). In the A-1 and RC Districts, off-premise signs shall be limited to those which provide direction to a business or use and shall be constructed in accordance with the following:

- (1). A maximum sign area of 32 square feet on County and State Highways, and 16 square feet on all other roads.
- (2). Reserved.
- (3). There shall be no more than one sign face per direction of facing.
- (4). Spacing requirements. (amended by MC16-19-94)
 - (a). A sign shall not be within a 500 foot radius of any other off-premise sign intended to be read from the same right-of-way.
 - (b). The sign shall not be within a 300 foot radius of any other off-premise sign intended to be read from a different right-of-way.
 - (c). No off-premise sign shall be located within 500 feet of a residential dwelling located on a different parcel.
 - (d). All spacing measurements in this subsection shall refer to a measurement made along the edge of the right-of-way and shall apply only to structures located on the same side of the highway.
 - (e). These spacing provisions do not apply to signs separated by buildings or other obstructions in such a manner that only one sign facing located within the above spacing distance is visible from the road right-of-way at any one time.
 - (f). No off-premise signs are allowed within 500 feet of a public park, school, church, or designated historic site.
- (5). A sign shall not be illuminated nor shall blinking or flashing lights be used.
- (6). A maximum height of 16 feet.
- (7). Off-premise electronic message signs are prohibited.

(B). The following regulations shall apply to off-premise signs in the C, I-1 and I-2 Districts:

- (1). A maximum sign area of 288 square feet.
- (2). There shall be no more than one sign face per direction of facing.
- (3). The maximum height shall be 40 feet. (amended by MC16-69-04)
- (4). No part of the sign face or structure shall be located in or overlap into the required side or rear yard setbacks or public right-of-way.
- (5). Spacing requirements. (amended by MC16-19-94)
 - (a). A sign shall not be within a 500 foot radius of any other off-premise sign intended to be read from the same right-of-way.
 - (b). The sign shall not be within a 300 foot radius of any other off-premise sign intended to be read from a different right-of-way.

SIGN ORDINANCE ARTICLES

CONTINUED ARTICLE 17.00 OFF-PREMISE SIGNS

17.02 GENERAL REGULATIONS.

- (c). No off-premise sign shall be located within 500 feet of a residential dwelling located on a different parcel.
 - (d). All spacing measurements in this subsection shall refer to a measurement made along the edge of the right-of-way and shall apply only to structures located on the same side of the highway.
 - (e). These spacing provisions do not apply to signs separated by buildings or other obstructions in such a manner that only one sign facing located within the above spacing distance is visible from the road right-of-way at any one time.
 - (f). No off-premise signs are allowed within 500 feet of a public park, school, church, or designated historic site.
- (6). The light from any illuminated sign shall be so shielded, shaded or directed so that the light intensity shall not adversely affect surrounding or facing premises or the safe vision of operators of vehicles on public roads.
- (7). Electronic message signs.
- (a). All new permitted off-premise signs may be an electronic message sign subject to requirements listed in Article 16.01 (E). ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGNS.
 - (b). All existing off-premise signs within the C, I-1, and I-2 zoning districts may obtain a permit to become an electronic message sign subject to requirements listed in Article 16.01 (E). ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGNS.

17.03 Reserved.

(A). Reserved. (amended by MC16-69-04 and MC16-73-05)

(B). Reserved.

17.04 EXCEPTIONS.

(A). Reserved.

(B). Political campaign signs provided the signs are removed within five days after the election.

(C). Directional signs, street name signs, or other signs which have been authorized and directed by a governmental unit.

SIGN ORDINANCE ARTICLES

CONTINUED ARTICLE 17.00 OFF-PREMISE SIGNS

17.05 PROHIBITED SIGNS. The following signs are prohibited:

(A). **PARKING OF ADVERTISING VEHICLES PROHIBITED.** No person shall park any vehicle or trailer on a public right-of-way, or public property, or on private property so as to be visible from a public right-of-way, which has attached thereto or located thereon, any sign or advertising device for the basic purpose of providing advertisement of products or directing people to a business or activity located on the same premises or any other premise. This is not intended to prohibit any form of vehicular signage such as a sign attached to a bus or lettering on a motor vehicle.

(B). **NUISANCE SIGNS.** Signs which imitate an official traffic sign or signal or which are of a size, location, movement, content, coloring or manner of illumination which may be confused with or construed as a traffic control device or which hide from view any traffic, street sign or signal shall be removed upon notice.

(C). **BEACONS, SEARCHLIGHTS, AND FLASHING SIGNS.** Beacons, searchlights, and flashing signs shall be prohibited.

(D). **SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.** Except where required by law or permitted by the County, any sign installed or placed within any right-of-way or public property shall be deemed illegal and shall be forfeited to the public and subject to immediate confiscation.

(E). **MOVEMENT.** Signs shall not have moving parts or have the illusion of motion as part of the sign, except banner, pennants and similar lightweight signs which move with the atmosphere.

17.06. **MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL.** Every off-premise sign shall be maintained in good structural and aesthetic condition at all times. Any abandoned, unsafe or unsightly sign shall be removed or renovated within 60 days upon written notice. If the owner fails to remove or renovate the sign within the required time period the County may remove such sign at the owner's expense. (amended by MC16-19-94)

17.07 **PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.** All off-premise signs require a building permit to be obtained prior to the construction or placement of each sign, except temporary political campaign signs and signs which were authorized and directed by a governmental unit.