

Overview of 2020 Sign Code Update

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PERMANENT SIGNS		
Provision	New Code	Existing Code
Sign Basics		
Sign Area = single rectangle	18.440.050.A - Sign Area	18.110.560 - Sign Area
Sign elements	18.440.050.A.4 - Sign Area	18.110.560 - Sign, Primary & Secondary Elements
Sign size - % of facade - no changes	18.440 - Varies by zoning district	18.440 - Varies by zoning district
Significant Changes - Office & Commercial		
Number of wall signs per facade	18.440.090 Office = 2, Commercial = 3	18.440.080 Office = 1, Commercial = 1
Offices - Recognize variety of use and construction	18.440.090.B.1 3 options - including ground floor tenants	18.440.080.E 2 options
Digital Display - Point-of Activity	18.440.060 Allowed at point of activity or transaction (menu board, ATM etc)	18.440.050.E - Prohibited Signs
Digital Display - Detached Canopy over 200 sf	18.440.060 Allowed - 20 sf up to 10% of facade	18.440.050.E - Prohibited Signs
Gas stations	Cannot be treated separately from other commercial uses Options: Incidental sign, Digital canopy display	18.440.080.G.4 Allowed a monument sign Existing monument signs become nonconforming
Incidental signs including real estate and leasing signs	18.440.060.B.1.b - per district Design requirements Permit required Non-conforming removed by 1/1/22	18.440.080.C No design standards No permit required
Highway monument sign	18.440.090.F 300 sf for specific highway locations	No provision
Significant Changes - Residential Development		
Monument sign	18.440.080 Setback Required Median locations not allowed Overall structure height regulated	18.440.070.E Allowed in the right-of-way, including in a median Only sign height regulated
Internal subdivision monument sign	18.440.060.B One, 6 sf sign at each unique phase	No provision
Signs allowed by Special Use Permit		
Billboards	18.440.120.B Increase time limit to 5 years	18.370.040.H
Digital Display - Highway monument	18.440.120.C.1 Subject to performance standards	18.440.050.E - Prohibited Signs
Digital Display - Building-mounted	18.440.120.C.2 Subject to performance standards	18.440.050.E - Prohibited Signs

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Significant Changes - Residents - Temporary Signs		
Temporary stake signs KS Statute preempts the number limit on political signs during election season	18.440.130.B Up to 3 signs = 9 sq ft Time limit = 60 days 30 days between events	18.440.070.G - Garage sale sign 18.440.130 - Political sign
Real Estate Signs	18.440.130.F Additional sign allowed when for sale or lease - no time limit	18.440.070.A - Real estate sign
Corner lots	18.440.130.G Additional temporary sign allowed	18.440.060.E & F - off-site real estate and garage sale
Significant Changes - Commercial - Temporary Signs		
Temporary Stake signs KS Statute preempts the number limit on political signs during election season	18.440.130 Up to 3 signs = 32 sq ft Time limit = 60 days 30 days between events	18.440.130 - Political sign Up to 3 signs = 32 sf 18.380 - Special Events 4 per year total, 10 days each
Ground mounted banner KS Statute preempts the number limit on political signs during election season	18.440.130 Up to 3 in lieu of stake signs = 32 sf Time limit = 30 days 30 days between events	18.440.130 - Political sign Up to 3 signs = 32 sf 18.380 - Special Events 4 per year total, 10 days each
Wall mounted banner KS Statute preempts the number limit on political signs during election season	18.440.130 1 per business = 32 sf Time limit = 30 days 30 days between events	18.440.130 - Political sign Up to 3 signs = 32 sf 18.380 - Special Events 4 per year total, 15 days each
Feather Sign	18.440.130 Up to 3 in lieu of stake or ground banners = 32 sf Time limit = 15 days 30 days between events	18.380 - Special Events 4 per year total, 15 days each
Permanent Display for Temporary Messages	18.440.060.B.1.d Allows unlimited temporary messages when displayed in a permanent frame Specifics per zoning district	No provision
A-frame sign	18.440.030.D.2	Allowed by interpretation
Signs allowed during Construction		
Signs during construction activities	18.440.130.E Adds fence-mounted, building mounted & construction site screening	18.440.080.B Allows detached only