
Sec. 21-8-5. Signs.

Signs shall be erected, altered, removed, and maintained per the following provisions and only those signs as specified and regulated herein shall be erected:

Signs are either permanent or temporary. Permanent signs must be made of permanent materials and specific placement is regulated. Permanent signs shall be designed and constructed according to generally accepted engineering practices to withstand wind pressures and load distribution as specified in the latest edition of the North Carolina Building Code. Illuminated signs and signs with electrical wiring and connections shall be constructed in accordance with the latest edition of the North Carolina Building and Electrical Code. Permanent signs may or may not require a permit.

Temporary signs are those that pertain to a specific event or function and/or signs that are made of temporary materials, such as paper, cardboard, corrugated cardboard, thin plastic, cloth or synthetic material, or other similar materials. Temporary signs are limited in duration and number no matter what the subject matter. Temporary signs may or may not require a permit.

Temporary signs may be placed in approved locations during the pendency of an event that has no definite time or date (e.g., a "for sale" sign may be placed on property during the time the property is for sale, legal notices as required by law, construction signs during construction operations); or for a maximum of 35 days for events and functions with a definite time or date (a maximum of 30 days prior to the event or function and five days after the event) and a maximum of 35 days for temporary signs not associated with an event or function. All temporary signs must be removed within five days after the event or function to which they pertain has ended. Political election events shall be deemed to run from the date of in-person early voting to election day.

Prohibited signs are those that are found to have adverse effect on health, safety, or the aesthetic values of the village. Even signs that are not prohibited must be removed when in disrepair, torn or ripped, rusted, streaked or otherwise deteriorated, or pose health or safety risks.

Table 21-8.1 below delineates signs that are allowed and prohibited for each zoning district within the village, whether or not they are permanent signs or temporary signs and whether or not a permit is required to erect the sign:

Table 21-8.1
Signs Allowed by District Subject to Time and Manner Regulations
 A denotes "Allowed" and X denotes "Prohibited"

Sign Type/Zoning District	MUN	RS-20	RS-30	RS-40	RM	RA-5	RA-C	RF-200	EU	RE	VBD	Category	Requires Permit
A-Frame/Sandwich Board		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	Temporary	No
Banner		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	Temporary	Yes
Blade/Bracket		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	Permanent	Yes
Bulletin Board		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	Permanent	Yes
Canopy		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	Permanent	Yes
Construction Sign		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Temporary	No
Directional Sign (On Premises)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	Permanent	Yes
Directory Sign		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	Permanent	Yes
Electronic Message Sign	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	Permanent	Yes
Estate or Farm Sign	X	X	X	X	A	A	X	A	A	A	X	Permanent	Yes
Freestanding Sign		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Permanent	Yes
Government Sign		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	Permanent	No
Illuminated Sign		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	Permanent	Yes
Monument Sign		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	Permanent	Yes
Political Sign	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Temporary	No
Real Estate Sign	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Temporary	No
Residential Sign	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	X	Permanent	No
Residential Development Sign	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Permanent	Yes
Yard Signs		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Temporary	No
Wall Signs		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	Permanent	Yes
Window Signs		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Temporary or Permanent	No

(Ord. No. 2021-07, § 2, 7-13-2021; Ord. No. 2024-07, §§ 1, 4, 2-13-2024)

Sec. 21-8-5.2. Signs requiring a permit.

No sign shall be erected, placed, attached, suspended, altered, remodeled, relocated, or otherwise put into use except pursuant to the approval of the zoning administrator except for those signs listed in section 21-8-5.1 above which shall not require a permit. Each application for a sign permit shall include the graphics, dimensions, mounting method, and placement, and such other information as the zoning administrator deems necessary in order to determine compliance with the provisions of this section. Signs may not exceed 32 square feet and may not be higher than six feet off the ground nor placed on a raised pedestal or mound. Signs must be placed in locations and designed in a manner so as not to obstruct traffic sight lines and enhance the village's open space concept. The following signs require a permit.

- (1) Bulletin boards or identification signs for church, non-profit, community or public buildings, lighted or unlighted.
- (2) Signs identifying a residential subdivision planned housing development, recreational facility, or manufactured home park.
- (3) Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking on private commercial property.
- (4) Signs advertising the name, time, and place of a fair, carnival, festival, bazaar, horse show, or similar event when conducted by a public agency or for the benefit of a civic, fraternal, religious, or charitable cause. Not permitted in residential zoning districts.
- (5) Estate or farm signs on properties of five acres or more in the RA-5, RF200, EU, and RE zoning districts.
- (6) Business signs identifying/advertising a business or profession on the premises within the village business district (VBD) zoning district.

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