

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2012 – 232

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CLAYTON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 8 “SIGN REGULATIONS (SS)” SO AS TO DELETE SECTIONS 8.1 THROUGH 8.15, AND INSERT IN LIEU THEREOF NEW SECTIONS 8.1 THROUGH 8.15; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined there is a need to revise Article 8 “Sign Standards (SS)”, Sections 8.1 through 8.15.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CLAYTON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED**

**PART I**

Section 1. The Clayton County Zoning Ordinance, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting Article 8 “Sign Standards (SS)”, Sections 8.1 through 8.15 to read as follows:

**Article Eight: Sign Regulations (SS)**

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**8.1 Intent**

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The intent of this Article is:

- to further the goals of the Comprehensive Plan;
- avoid the proliferation of signage;
- encourage signs to be compatible with the scale of buildings and the surrounding features;
- to regulate the location, manner, and structure of signs, without regulating speech or sign content;
- maintain and enhance the aesthetic environment of the County;
- eliminate potential hazards to motorists and pedestrians resulting from signs;
- to achieve the above stated goals while also offering ample and adequate speech opportunities in each zoning district; and
- to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Clayton County.

**General Sign Standards**

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**8.2 General Sign Standards**

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**GS-01: This General Sign Standards section applies to all of the zoning districts.**

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A. **Enforcement:** This chapter is to be generally administered and enforced by the Zoning Administrator and/ or their representatives or designees, including, but not limited to, the Clayton County law enforcement and code enforcement personnel.

B. **Inspections:** The Zoning Administrator, or his representative, may inspect at any time each sign regulated by the provisions herein. The Zoning Administrator is empowered to revoke any permit issued upon failure of the sign owner or lessee to comply with the provisions of this chapter.

C. **Violations:** Violations of this chapter shall be considered as a violation of the Zoning Ordinance and be subject to such penalties and enforcement actions as provided therein.

D. **Sign Permits.** Except as otherwise provided in this Article, it shall be unlawful for any person to erect, construct, enlarge, move or convert any sign in the county or cause the same to be done without first obtaining a sign permit and/or a building permit from the Zoning Administrator for each such sign from the County. This shall not be construed to require any permit for the cleaning and other normal maintenance or repair of a sign or sign structure for which a permit has previously been issued, so long as the sign or sign structure is not modified in any way.

E. **Building Permits.** Signs using electrical wiring and connections (i.e. illuminated signs), as well as permanent ground and wall signs require a building permit, and the Clayton County Building Inspector should be contacted regarding such signs.

F. **Other Permits or Approvals.** Other County ordinances or state laws and regulations may be applicable to a sign.

G. **Information Required.** The sign registration shall be on forms provided by the Zoning Administrator, and shall provide the following information, as well as any additional information required by the Zoning Administrator:

1. The name and address of the property owner and sign owner, if different;
2. The address of the sign, and description of the parcel upon which the sign is located;
3. The zoning district of the property containing the sign;
4. Site plan showing the location of the sign on the lot, including indicating setbacks and distances to property lines and rights-of-way;
5. Elevation drawing showing the height and dimensions of sign face, and height of sign structure;
6. Square feet area per sign face and the aggregate square feet area if there is more than one sign face;
7. Plans, specifications and structural details showing the type and manner of construction, attachment to buildings or in-ground erection; and
8. The registration must be signed by either the property owner or sign owner.

H. **Permit Fees:** Permit fees and application forms and all supporting documentation shall be filed with Clayton County Community Development Department and the County shall complete review of the application within 30 calendar days, notifying the applicant of its decision. If approved, the County shall issue a sign permit to the applicant. If denied, the Applicant may reapply, correcting deficiencies in the original application or file notice of appeal of the decision of the Zoning Administrator under the procedure outlined in Article 13, Administrative Appeal (AA), of the Zoning Ordinance of Clayton County. Furthermore, the Applicant may seek relief of this Article under the procedure outlined in Article 13, Variance (VA), of the Zoning Ordinance of Clayton County.

I. **Legal Provision:** Notwithstanding any provision by this article to the contrary where a sign is permitted by this Ordinance any message on such sign is permitted unless in violation of State law.

### **8.3 Limitation Standards**

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A. The following location and setback standards shall apply:

1. The property owner must give permission for all sign placement on the owner's property. Signs are not permitted in the State or County right-of-way.
2. All signs and sign structures, except as noted below must be setback at least ten (10) feet from the public right-of-way. No portion of a sign or sign structure

erected on private property shall encroach on or overhang the public right-of-way or any other person's property.

4. Entrance signs must comply with any applicable provision in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, latest edition.

5. Setbacks are measured from the closest portion of the sign (whether that is the base, sign face, or the sign structure) to the right-of-way.

B. **Height Limits:** Height limitations in this Article control over the general height limitations of this Ordinance, and apply to any structure that contains a sign. For example, a church spire or radio antenna with a sign would be subject to the height limitations of this Article, rather than general height limitations. Height limitations apply to both the sign and the sign structure, whichever is the tallest.

C. **Number:** For the purpose of determining the number of signs, ground signs shall be equal to the number of sign structures. All other non-ground signs shall be considered to be a single display surface or display device containing elements organized, related and composed to form a unit. Where matter is displayed in random manner without organized relationship of elements, such elements shall be considered to be a single sign.

D. **Illumination:** the following illumination standards shall apply:

1. All signs may be externally or internally illuminated. External illumination of any sign in any district shall be positioned and shielded so that the light source cannot be seen directly by any passing motorists or from adjacent dwellings or businesses.

2. No illuminated signs, over sixteen (16) square feet, shall be constructed or maintained within two hundred (200) feet of any single-family or multiple family dwelling. All permanent signs under sixteen (16) square feet shall be constructed or maintained twenty-five (25) feet from any single-family or multiple family dwelling.

3. Flashing, blinking or otherwise varying illumination is not permitted. No external or internal illumination that causes confusion with or distraction from any traffic signal or safety device shall be permitted. Nothing herein shall prevent the installation and maintenance of Electronic Multiple Message Signs as set forth in Section 8.20.

4. All externally illuminated signs shall utilize low wattage luminaries, mounted in fixtures designed to direct the light and eliminate light trespass, such as light shining into residences or other neighboring structures.

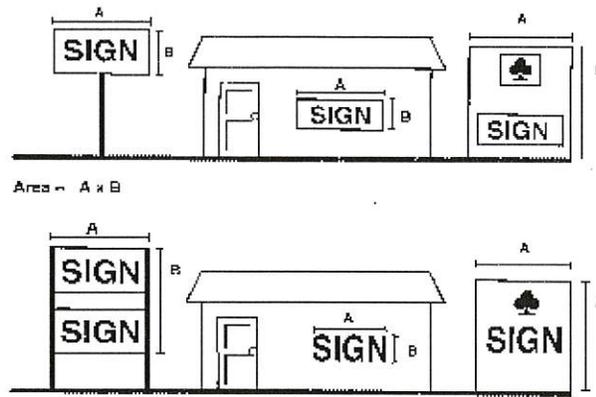
5. All internally illuminated signs shall utilize low wattage luminaries designed to reduce light glow.

6. All electronic message signs shall have automatic dimming capabilities that adjust the brightness to the ambient light at all times of day and night.

7. All text displayed on an electronic message sign must be static for a minimum of two (2) seconds. The continuous scrolling of text is prohibited. Animated images and images, which move, or give the appearance of movement are prohibited.

8. All signs over ten feet in height shall be internally illuminated or illuminated by external lighting fixtures located above the sign area, firing downward, and not visible to passing motorists.

E. **Calculation of Area:** The area of a sign is calculated by determining the area of the smallest square or rectangle which encloses the sign face and the structure surrounding the sign face. For example, the pole or base would not be included, but any frame holding the sign face in place would be counted. See examples, below. However, this example is not a substantive regulation as to permissible types of signs:



Examples of Sign Face Area Measurements

- F. **Unusual Shaped Signs.** Unusual shaped signs are signs that are any shape other than a square or rectangle, and include signs with projecting elements or features, round, oval, and triangular signs, signs with more than four sides, signs in the shape of an animal, object, or device, and so forth. For all such signs, the area is calculated by calculating the area of the smallest rectangle that will completely enclose all elements of the sign face and sign structure supporting the face, not including the base.
- G. **Obscene Matter Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to display upon any sign or other structure any obscene matter, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-80.

#### 8.4 Construction and Safety Standards

- A. **Prohibited Signs.** Signs which contain or are in imitation of an official traffic sign or signal, or can be confused with an official traffic sign, are prohibited.
- B. **Fire Safety.** No sign or sign structure may be erected or maintained which obstructs any fire escape, ventilation, or door; nor shall any sign or sign structure be attached to a fire escape.
- C. **Corner Visibility.** No sign or sign structure above a height of three feet shall be maintained within 15 feet of the intersection of the right-of-way lines of two streets or of a street intersection with a railroad right-of-way, or within the ASHTO clear zone as identified within Article 6.27, Sight Visibility Standards, whichever is greater.
- D. **Traffic Visibility and Safety.** No sign shall obstruct the traffic sight line, or the view of vehicles entering the roadway (i.e., the view of oncoming traffic by vehicles attempting to enter the road, or vice versa). No sign shall be erected on any traffic island. No sign shall create a traffic hazard. Sign locations shall be suggested by the Traffic Section of the Department of Transportation and Development if a safety question is raised by the Zoning Administrator.
- E. **Good Repair.** All signs, together with all their supports, braces, guys, and anchors shall be kept in good repair.
- F. **Temporary Sign Standards.** All temporary signs shall be made of waterproof material, and must be attached to an independent mounting device no more than forty inches above ground level. The mounting must be secure to prevent the sign from blowing off the device. The mounting device shall bear the name and phone number of the party responsible for the device.
- G. **Removal of Illegal Signs.** The County may remove a sign and otherwise in violation of this Ordinance, without giving notice to any party, if said sign is upon the public right-of-way or upon other public property.
- H. **Removal of Unsafe Signs.** The County may remove or cause to be removed any

sign that creates a safety hazard and otherwise in violation of this Ordinance, without giving notice to any party, if said sign is upon the public right-of-way or upon other public property.

## 8.5 Prohibited Sign Standards

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- A. The following types of signs are prohibited, as stated:
1. Roof Signs (which means signs mounted above a roof or projecting above the roof-line of a structure).
  2. Rotating signs.
  3. Portable signs (which means signs which are attached to vehicles, trailers, movable structures, or attached to sign structures which are not permanently anchored into the ground, or any sign which may be transported or is designed to be transported). Such signs include, but are not limited to, printed banners or billboards attached to vehicles and trailers. Inflatable figures and objects (e.g., creatures, beer cans) fall into this category.
  4. Moving signs, or signs with moving parts. This includes, but is not limited to, animated signs involving motion or sound; "trivision"-type signs; signs with moving words; signs with waiving elements, whether motorized or wind-powered; or similar moving signs.
  5. Signs displaying moving pictures or images. Nothing herein shall prevent the installation and maintenance of Electronic Multiple Message Signs as set forth within Section 8.20.
  6. Courtesy benches, trash cans, and similar devices displaying signs.
  7. Trailer signs (which means signs mounted on trailers, exceeding two square feet).
  8. Sidewalk, A-type, sandwich or curb-type signs placed on sidewalks.
- B. **Home Occupations.** As stated in Article 6.10, Home Occupation Standards, any home occupation may not have a wall mounted sign exceeding 2 square feet, and must be attached to the primary structure. No off site signs or signs within the yard of the property shall be permitted.

## Temporary Sign Standards

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### 8.6 Temporary Signs Exempt from Permitting

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The following signs are permitted in any zoning district without securing a sign permit from the Zoning Administrator; however, all requirements must be followed to remain as a legal sign.

- A. **Class 1 Temporary Signs:** Class 1 temporary signs are signs that may be erected after 6:00 p.m. on any Friday and must be taken down by 8:00 p.m. the following Sunday.
1. Class 1 temporary signs may not exceed three feet in height and four (4) square feet per side, and shall not be more than two-sided.
  2. Class 1 temporary signs must not be placed within ten (10) feet of the curb or pavement or within the public right-of-way.
  3. No more than one (1) class 1 temporary sign shall be permitted per 500 feet of road frontage, as long as it does not pose a traffic hazard nor create a nuisance, and comply with all other provisions of this ordinance (e.g. type, location, construction, etc.).
  4. Class 1 temporary signs erected in violation of this Ordinance may constitute a safety hazard and are subject to being removed without notice and being destroyed. Additionally, if such signs are erected unlawfully, or in improper areas, or beyond the permissible time frame, they are subject to being taken down and destroyed by the County without notice.
  5. Class 1 temporary signs must meet the construction standards of Section 8.4.
- B. **Class 2 Temporary Signs:** Class 2 temporary signs are permitted to be erected during any election cycle.

1. Class 2 temporary signs shall not exceed five (5) feet in height and thirty-two (32) square feet per side, and shall not be more than two-sided.
  2. Class 2 temporary signs must not be placed within ten (10) feet of the curb or pavement or within the public right-of-way.
  3. The election cycle is the time period starting 150 calendar days prior to any primary, special election, general election, or run-off, and ending 20 calendar days after the primary, special election, general election, or run-off, is held. Election cycles may overlap. "Election," as used herein, shall refer to Federal elections, Georgia statewide elections, Clayton County elections, or municipal elections for any City in Clayton County.
  4. Nothing in this section affects the regular sign ordinance provisions. Any message can be placed on Class 2 temporary signs. No more than one class 2 temporary sign shall be permitted per 100 feet of road frontage, as long as it does not pose a traffic hazard nor create a nuisance, and comply with all other provisions of this ordinance (e.g. type, location, construction, etc.).
  5. Signs erected in the beds of pick-ups trucks that identify a candidate or issue on the ballot are permitted during an election cycle, of not more than thirty-two (32) square feet.
  6. Class 2 temporary signs must meet the construction standards of Section 8.4.
- C. **Class 3 Temporary Signs:** Class 3 temporary signs are signs that may be erected on any parcel of land containing a non-residential zoning district or use of land.
1. Class 3 temporary signs may not exceed six (6) feet in height and thirty-two (32) square feet per side, and shall not be more than two-sided.
  2. Class 3 temporary signs must not be placed within ten (10) feet of the curb or pavement or within the public right-of-way.
  3. Only one (1) class 3 temporary sign may be erected on each parcel of land, as long as it does not pose a traffic hazard nor create a nuisance, and comply with all other provisions of this ordinance (e.g. type, location, construction, etc.).
  4. Class 3 temporary signs may not be erected for more than 90 calendar days at one time, or exceed 180 calendar days per year.
  5. Class 3 temporary signs erected in violation of this Ordinance may constitute a safety hazard and are subject to being removed without notice and being destroyed. Additionally, if such signs are erected unlawfully, or in improper areas, or beyond the permissible time frame, they are subject to being taken down and destroyed by the County without notice.
  6. Class 3 temporary signs must meet construction standards of Section 8.4.
- A. **Class 4 Temporary Signs:** Class 4 temporary signs are signs that may be erected on any parcel of land containing a residential zoning district or use of land.
1. Class 4 temporary signs may not exceed four (4) feet in height and sixteen (16) square feet per side, and shall not be more than two-sided. Total maximum area for all sign faces is limited to thirty-two (32) square feet (e.g., two (2), sixteen (16) square feet sign faces or some lesser combination).
  2. Class 4 temporary signs must not be placed within ten (10) feet of the curb or pavement or within the public right-of-way.
  3. No more than three (3) class 4 temporary signs may be erected on each parcel of land, as long as it does not pose a traffic hazard nor create a nuisance, and comply with all other provisions of this ordinance (e.g. type, location, construction, etc.). The total sign face area of all signs may not exceed 32 square feet.
  4. Class 4 temporary signs may not be erected for more than 90 calendar days at one time, or exceed 180 calendar days per year.
  5. Class 4 temporary signs erected in violation of this Ordinance may constitute a safety hazard and are subject to being removed without notice and being destroyed. Additionally, if such signs are erected unlawfully, or in improper areas, or beyond the permissible time frame, they are subject to being taken down and destroyed by the County without notice.
  6. Class 4 temporary signs must meet construction standards of Section 8.4.

- B. **Wall Mounted Signs:** Wall Mounted Signs may not exceed two (2) square feet of sign area per face. If not otherwise provided for in a specific zoning district, such wall mounted signs are restricted to a maximum of one (1) per establishment, with such to be attached to the front wall of the respective establishment to which it refers.
- C. **Window Signs:** Window signs may be erected as permitted within Articles 8.8 through 8.17, Permanent Sign Standards of this Article.
- D. **Official signs:** Signs of a governmental body, governmental agency or public authority shall be permitted.

## **8.7 Temporary Signs Requiring Permitting**

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The following signs are permitted in any zoning district, and shall secure a sign permit from the Zoning Administrator prior to erection.

- A. **Class 5 Temporary Signs:** Class 5 temporary signs are additional temporary signs allowed on any lot containing a non-residential zoning district or use of land.
  - 1. Class 5 temporary signs may be attached to a building façade or existing sign structure and shall have a maximum square footage of up to ten (10) percent of the area of the front face of the building space occupied by the use associated with the sign.
  - 2. Only one (1) class 5 temporary may be erected for each parcel of land and/ or tenant per planned center.
  - 3. Class 5 temporary signs may not be erected for more than 45 calendar days at one time, or exceed 120 calendar days per year.
  - 4. Class 5 temporary signs erected in violation of this Ordinance may constitute a safety hazard and are subject to being removed without notice and being destroyed. Additionally, if such signs are erected unlawfully, or in improper areas, or beyond the permissible time frame, they are subject to being taken down and destroyed by the County without notice.
  - 5. Class 5 temporary signs must meet construction standards of Section 8.4.
- B. **Class 6 Temporary Signs:** Class 6 temporary signs are signs that may be erected on any lot containing a non-residential zoning district or use of land after 6:00 p.m. on any Friday and must be taken down by 8:00 p.m. the following Sunday.
  - 1. Class 6 temporary signs may not exceed twenty-four square feet.
  - 2. Class 6 temporary signs may be attached to a building façade or existing sign structure.
  - 3. Only one (1) class 6 temporary may be erected for each parcel of land and/ or tenant per planned center.
  - 4. Class 6 temporary signs may not be erected for more than 8 consecutive weekends at one time, or exceed being posted for 96 calendar days per year.
  - 5. Class 6 temporary signs erected in violation of this Ordinance may constitute a safety hazard and are subject to being removed without notice and being destroyed. Additionally, if such signs are erected unlawfully, or in improper areas, or beyond the permissible time frame, they are subject to being taken down and destroyed by the County without notice.
  - 6. Class 6 temporary signs must meet construction standards of Section 8.4.

## **Permanent Sign Standards**

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### **8.8 Permanent Sign Standards**

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If not otherwise stated, any sign not specifically permitted in a zoning district as provided under this section, Permanent Sign Standards (PS), shall be prohibited. These regulations apply to signs located on any lot or development, but not Billboard Signs or Groundsheet Signs. A double-sided (double-faced) sign is counted as one sign, but each face counts towards the maximum area permitted. Height is measured from grade level of the closest roadway to the highest portion of the sign structure.

## **8.9 Sign Permitted within the AG and ER Zoning Districts**

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**A. Ground Signs:**

One (1) double-faced sign per lot. No single sign face may exceed 16 square feet. Total maximum area for all sign faces is thirty-two (32) square feet (e.g., two (2), sixteen (16) square feet sign faces). Height is limited to six (6) feet.

**B. Window Signs:**

Not permitted.

**C. Wall Signs:**

Not permitted.

**D. Entrance Signs:**

Two (2) per subdivision development, maximum area of each sign thirty-two (32) square feet. Entrance signs may only be single-sided, unless only one is erected, in which case it can be double-sided. Entrance signs only permitted at the entrance to a subdivision development. Entrance signs must be setback from the right-of-way a distance equal to their height plus one foot for safety reasons, and cannot block traffic sight lines. Maximum height is six (6) feet.

**E. Internal Signs:**

Internal signs are signs located within any subdivision, complex, or development of no more than nine (9) square feet, and no more than five (5) feet in height. The area of all such sign faces on a single lot, parcel, residence, business, or development may not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet, and such signs may not aggregate to form a message. If sign is attached to the wall, the sign may not be mounted higher than the building height. All signs shall be located a minimum of two (2) feet from all property lines.

## **8.10 Sign Permitted within the RS-180, RS-110, RG-75, RM, and RMH Zoning Districts**

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**A. Ground Signs:**

One (1) double-faced sign per lot. No single sign face may exceed sixteen (16) square feet. Total maximum area for all sign faces is thirty-two (32) square feet (e.g., two (2), sixteen (16) square feet sign faces). Height is limited to six (6) feet.

**B. Window Signs:**

Not permitted.

**C. Wall Signs:**

Not permitted.

**D. Entrance Signs:**

Two (2) per residential development, maximum area of each sign thirty (32) square feet. Entrance signs may only be single-sided, unless only one (1) is erected, in which case it can be double-sided. Entrance signs only permitted at the entrance to a residential development. Entrance signs must be setback from the right-of-way a distance equal to their height plus one foot for safety reasons, and cannot block traffic sight lines. Maximum height is six (6) feet.

**E. Internal Signs:**

Internal signs are signs located within any subdivision, complex, or development of no more than nine (9) square feet, and no more than five (5) feet in height. The area of all such sign faces on a single lot, parcel, residence, business, or development may not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet, and such signs may not aggregate to form a message. If sign is attached to the wall, the sign may not be mounted higher than the building height. All signs shall be located a minimum of two (2) feet from all property lines.

## **8.11 Sign Permitted within the OI, NB, CB and GB Zoning Districts for Individual Uses**

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**A. Ground Signs:**

One (1) double-faced sign per lot. No single sign face may exceed thirty-two (32) square feet. Total maximum area for all sign faces is sixty-four (64) square feet (e.g., two (2), thirty-two (32) square feet sign faces). Maximum height is ten (10) feet.

**B. Window Signs:**

Total signage not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the area of windows facing road frontage.

**C. Wall Signs:**

Maximum of four (4) signs per lot. Total area of all signs is not to exceed ten (10) percent of the front façade building area or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is less.

**D. Entrance Signs:**

Not permitted.

**E. Menu Boards:**

No more than one (1) sign shall be located per drive through lane and no such sign shall exceed sixty (60) square feet. There may be only one (1) display face and it may not be more than eight (8) feet in height. The height shall be measured above the average grade of the subject lot.

**F. Internal Signs:**

Internal signs are signs located within any subdivision, complex, or development of no more than nine (9) square feet, and no more than five (5) feet in height. The area of all such sign faces on a single lot, parcel, residence, business, or development may not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet, and such signs may not aggregate to form a message. If sign is attached to the wall, the sign may not be mounted higher than the building height. All signs shall be located a minimum of two (2) feet from all property lines.

## **8.12 Sign Permitted within the OI, NB, CB and GB Zoning Districts for Planned Centers**

**A. Ground Signs:**

One (1) double-faced sign of up to fifty (50) square feet per face, for the entire planned center containing one lot. Total maximum sign face area is one hundred (100) square feet. Maximum height for all ground signs is ten (10) feet.

**B. Window Signs:**

Total signage not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the area of windows facing road frontage.

**C. Wall signs:**

Maximum of two (2) signs per business. Total area of all signs is not to exceed ten (10) percent of the front façade building area or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is less.

**D. Entrance Signs:**

Two (2) per planned center, maximum area of each sign eighty (80) square feet. Entrance signs may only be single-sided, unless only one (1) is erected, in which case it can be double-sided. Entrance signs only permitted at the entrance to the planned center containing multiple lots. Entrance signs must be setback from the right-of-way a distance equal to their height plus one foot for safety reasons, and cannot block traffic sight lines. Maximum height is ten (10) feet.

**E. Menu Boards:**

No more than one (1) sign shall be located per drive through lane and no such sign shall exceed sixty (60) square feet. There may be only one (1) display face and it may not be more than eight (8) feet in height. The height shall be measured above the average grade of the subject lot.

**F. Internal Signs:**

Internal signs are signs located within any subdivision, complex, or development of no more than nine (9) square feet, and no more than five (5) feet in height. The area of all such sign faces on a single lot, parcel, residence, business, or development may not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet, and such signs may not aggregate to form a message. If sign is attached to the wall, the sign may not be mounted higher than the building height. All signs shall be located a minimum of two (2) feet from all property lines.

## 8.13 Sign Permitted within the MMX, NMX and RMX Zoning Districts

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### A. Residential Uses:

#### 1. Ground Signs:

One (1) double-faced sign per lot. No single sign face may exceed sixteen (16) square feet. Total maximum area for all sign faces is thirty-two (32) square feet (e.g., two (2), sixteen (16) square feet sign faces). Height is limited to six (6) feet.

#### 2. Window Signs:

Not permitted.

#### 3. Wall Signs:

Not permitted.

#### 4. Entrance Signs:

Not permitted.

### B. Office, Institutional, or Commercial Uses:

#### 1. Ground Signs for Individual Uses:

One (1) double-faced sign per lot. No single sign face may exceed thirty-two (32) square feet. Total maximum area for all sign faces is sixty-four (64) square feet (e.g., two (2), thirty-two (32) square feet sign faces). Maximum height is ten (10) feet.

#### 2. Ground Sign for Planned Centers:

One (1) double-faced sign of up to fifty (50) square feet per face, for the entire planned center containing one lot. Total maximum sign face area is one hundred (100) square feet. Maximum height for all ground signs is ten (10) feet.

#### 3. Window Signs:

Total signage not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the area of windows facing road frontage.

#### 4. Wall Signs for Individual Uses:

Maximum of four (4) signs per lot. Total area of all signs is not to exceed ten (10) percent of the front façade building area or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is less.

#### 5. Wall Signs for Planned Center:

Maximum of two (2) signs per business. Total area of all signs is not to exceed ten (10) percent of the front façade building area occupied by the business or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is less.

#### 6. Entrance Signs for Individual Use:

Not permitted.

#### 7. Entrance Signs for Planned Center:

Two (2) per planned center, maximum area of each sign sixty (60) square feet. Entrance signs may only be single-sided, unless only one (1) is erected, in which case it can be double-sided. Entrance signs only permitted at the entrance to the planned center containing multiple lots. Entrance signs must be setback from the right-of-way a distance equal to their height plus one foot for safety reasons, and cannot block traffic sight lines. Maximum height is ten (10) feet.

#### 8. Menu Boards:

No more than one (1) sign shall be located per drive through lane and no such sign shall exceed sixty (60) square feet. There may be only one (1) display face and it may not be more than eight (8) feet in height. The height shall be measured above the average grade of the subject lot.

### C. Combination of Residential, Office, Institutional, and/ or Commercial Uses:

#### 1. Ground Signs:

One (1) double-faced sign of up to thirty-six (36) square feet per face, for the entire development containing one lot. Total maximum sign face area is seventy-two (72) square feet. Maximum height for all ground signs is eight (8) feet.

#### 2. Window Signs:

##### a. Residential Uses:

Not permitted.

##### b. Office, Institutional, and/ or Commercial Uses:

Total signage not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the area of windows facing

road frontage.

3. **Wall signs:**

a. **Residential Uses:**

Not permitted.

b. **Office, Institutional, and/ or Commercial Uses:**

Maximum of two (2) signs per business. Total area of all signs is not to exceed ten (10) percent of the front façade building area occupied by the business or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is less.

4. **Entrance Signs:**

Four (4) per development, maximum area of each sign eighty (80) square feet. Entrance signs may only be single-sided, unless only two (2) signs are erected, in which case they can be double-sided. No more than two (2) single-sided signs or one (1) double-sided sign shall be permitted at the entrance to the development containing a combination of residential and non-residential uses on one lot or multiple lots. Entrance signs must be setback from the right-of-way a distance equal to their height plus one foot for safety reasons, and cannot block traffic sight lines. Maximum height is ten (10) feet.

**D. Internal Signs:**

Internal signs are signs located within any subdivision, complex, or development of no more than nine (9) square feet, and no more than five (5) feet in height. The area of all such sign faces on a single lot, parcel, residence, business, or development may not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet, and such signs may not aggregate to form a message. If sign is attached to the wall, the sign may not be mounted higher than the building height. All signs shall be located a minimum of two (2) feet from all property lines.

#### **8.14 Sign Permitted within the LI and HI Zoning Districts for Individual Uses**

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A. **Ground Signs:**

One (1) double-faced sign of up to thirty-two (32) square feet per face, maximum total area sixty-four (64) square feet. Maximum height is ten (10) feet.

B. **Window Signs:**

Total signage not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the area of windows facing road frontage.

C. **Wall Signs:**

Total area of all signs is not to exceed ten (10) percent of the front façade building area or two hundred fifty (250) square feet, whichever is less.

D. **Entrance Signs:**

Not permitted.

F. **Internal Signs:**

Internal signs are signs located within any subdivision, complex, or development of no more than nine (9) square feet, and no more than five (5) feet in height. The area of all such sign faces on a single lot, parcel, residence, business, or development may not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet, and such signs may not aggregate to form a message. If sign is attached to the wall, the sign may not be mounted higher than the building height. All signs shall be located a minimum of two (2) feet from all property lines.

#### **8.15 Sign Permitted within the LI and HI Zoning Districts for Planned Centers**

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A. **Ground Signs:**

One (1) double-faced sign of up to fifty (50) square feet per face, for the entire planned center containing one lot. Total maximum sign face area is one hundred (100) square feet. Maximum height is ten (10) feet.

B. **Window Signs:**

Total signage not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the area of windows facing road frontage.

**C. Wall Signs:**

Total area of all signs is not to exceed ten (10) percent of the front façade building area or two hundred fifty (250) square feet, whichever is less.

**D. Entrance Signs:**

Two (2) per planned development, maximum area of each sign eighty (80) square feet. Entrance signs may only be single-sided, unless only one (1) is erected, in which case it can be double-sided. Entrance signs only permitted at the entrance to the planned center containing multiple lots. Entrance signs must be setback from the right-of-way a distance equal to their height plus one foot for safety reasons, and cannot block traffic sight lines. Maximum height is ten (10) feet.

**E. Internal Signs:**

Internal signs are signs located within any subdivision, complex, or development of no more than nine (9) square feet, and no more than five (5) feet in height. The area of all such sign faces on a single lot, parcel, residence, business, or development may not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet, and such signs may not aggregate to form a message. If sign is attached to the wall, the sign may not be mounted higher than the building height. All signs shall be located a minimum of two (2) feet from all property lines.

**PART II**

(a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Commissioners that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are and were, upon their enactment, believed by the Board of Commissioners to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Commissioners that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase therein. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Board of Commissioners, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Board of Commissioners that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and

sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

**PART III.**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

**PART IV.**

The preamble of this Ordinance shall be considered to be and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

SO ORDAINED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012.

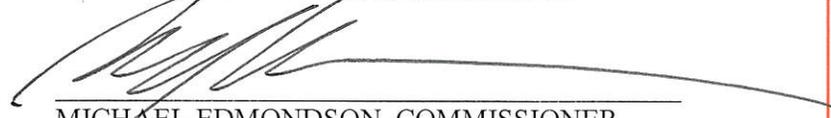
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