

CHAPTER 11 SIGNS

1100.01 General. Signs may be erected and maintained only if in compliance with all provisions of this Chapter and any other applicable City ordinances.

1100.02 General Regulations. The following regulations apply to all permitted signs:

- (a) Signs, and/or lettering, visible from a public or private roadway or sidewalk, are deemed signs regardless of whether they are free-standing or attached to, painted on, or located in, the building to which they are accessory.
- (b) In all cases, signs shall be constructed of durable materials, maintained in good condition, and shall not be allowed to become dilapidated.
- (c) No sign other than an official traffic sign shall be erected or placed within 10 feet of the paved surface of any public street.
- (d) No permit is required for the erection, alteration, or maintenance of nameplate and property sale or rental signs.
- (e) No sign shall be artificially illuminated, flashing, or include any animation or movement.
- (f) No banner sign of any kind including, but not limited to, those produced on cloth, paper or fabric shall be permitted.
- (g) No sign shall be permitted on any premises, improved or unimproved, except a sign relating to the property on which it is located.
- (h) Supporting structures for any sign shall not be included in determining the square foot area of the sign if the supporting structure does not carry lettering or other copy.
- (i) Rummage (garage or yard) sale signs only on private property. Any such sign shall be displayed only during the time of the sale not to exceed 4 days per calendar year.

1100.03 Sale or Rental Signs. Signs pertaining to the sale, lease or rental of property or buildings, are permitted if they comply with all of the following conditions and restrictions:

- (a) The sign may read "Open," "For Rent" or "For Sale," and may include the name and the telephone number of the owner or agent relative to the premises upon which the sign is located.
- (b) The total face surface of the sign, inclusive of all attachments and hanging sign additions, may not exceed 200 square inches, and neither the length nor width may exceed 25 inches.

- (c) The supporting member must be installed into the ground so that the top of the face of the sign is not more than 4 feet above the finished grade of the ground.
- (d) All such signs shall be lettered professionally.
- (e) Only one such sign is permitted on any one premises, with the exception of an open house sign as permitted under section 1100.04. Where the property abuts a lake, no signs may be placed or erected to be visible from such lake.
- (f) Signs may be placed parallel or perpendicular to the front property line. Signs must be placed only on the property being offered for sale or lease.
- (g) Nothing contained in this Section will be deemed to prohibit the same wording from being on both the front and back of the sign.
- (h) Where a sign is suspended from an arm of the support, the arm shall not exceed 16 inches in length.
- (i) All such signs shall be erected on a temporary basis.
- (j) Signs shall be kept in good repair, shall not be illuminated or constructed of a reflective material, and shall not contain any flags, streamers, movable items or like devices.
- (k) Any such sign shall be removed within 3 days after the date a binding agreement is entered into for the sale, lease or rental of the property or immediately upon the removal of the property from the market, whichever occurs first.

1100.04 Directional signs pertaining to real estate open house

- (a) A maximum of three directional signs pertaining to any real estate open house are permitted to be erected on the property listed for sale or at an intersection near the subject property in order to provide directional assistance for a period not to exceed 24 hours. Where the property abuts a lake, no signs may be placed or erected to be visible from the lake. All directional real estate signage shall comply with the provisions of subsections (b), (c), (d), (g), (h), (i) and (j) of section 1100.03

1100.05 Signs Relating to Land Development. Signs advertising the sale or development of the premises upon which they are erected, when erected in connection with the construction of a new single-family dwelling, remodeling projects and structure additions by an owner of the premises or by a builder or developer interested in such a sale or development, may be erected and maintained if they comply with all of the following:

- (a) No sign shall be erected until a building permit for construction on the site has been issued by the City. The sign shall indicate only the name and contact information of the builder, developer or owner.
- (b) Any such sign shall be removed by the developer, builder or owner within 3 days after the completion or abandonment of the project.

(c) Any such sign shall comply with the provisions of subsections (b) through (j) of Section 1100.03.

1100.06 Signs of Workers and Contractors. Except as permitted under Section 1100.05, signs of workers, contractors, painters, and other artisans may not be erected either during the period such persons are performing work on a premises or otherwise.

1100.07 Aid-to-Traffic Signs. In addition to the other signs permitted under this Chapter, nonadvertising signs may be erected on private property designating access drives and parking areas if each sign is not larger than 144 square inches in area. Only one sign is permitted for each access drive.

1100.08 Shared Residential Identification Signs. Nameplate signs which identify one or more property owners located in a neighborhood or on a street within the City are exempt from all provisions of this Chapter except subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1100.01 02.

1100.09 Enforcement. The City reserves the right to remove or require the removal, at the owner's expense, of any sign when the requirements of this Section and this Ordinance are not completely followed and adhered to or if the sign is not properly maintained or falls into a state of disrepair. The City shall not have any obligation or liability to replace any sign or nearby landscaping when removed by the City.