

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Paul Leonhardt, Planning & Zoning Manager
Date: October 11, 2021
Subject: New Sign Code

ITEM DESCRIPTION

This item is a request to adopt a new sign code. The new code would replace the existing Chapter 20 – Signs, of the Dunwoody Code of Ordinances in its entirety.

DISCUSSION

In 2020, the City of Dunwoody has procured the ZoneCo consulting team to draft a new sign code. The key objective is to adopt a new sign code with the aim of balancing commercial demand for signage in a modern, urban environment with citizen demands for an attractive, uncluttered aesthetic associated with a residential area. Additionally, the City aspires to harmonize ease of permitting with proper oversight.

Throughout the second half of 2020 and into 2021, a City-appointed steering committee provided guidance for goals and processes, resulting in a first draft that was posted for public comment. In April and May, the Planning Commission held a public hearing, reviewed the draft section by section and subsequently recommended approval for the new sign code. Discussion centered around increasing the size of wall signs for big-box stores, simplifying regulations for monument signs, and adjusting language in the sign code to match the zoning ordinance.

UPDATE OCTOBER 11

During the September 13 meeting, the City Council instructed the staff to obtain another round of comment from the steering committee. The results are summarized in a separate memo with no proposed changes to the draft ordinance.

UPDATE SEPTEMBER 13

Following the July 12 City Council meeting, the staff has submitted the sign code to an outside attorney for review. The attorney submitted a memo with suggested changes, which the staff incorporated. The staff then sent back an updated ordinance to the outside attorney, which was reviewed again. In addition, the staff made corrections and adjustments where needed. The following is a summary of the major changes since the July 12 meeting:

Section	Change
20-3	Adjusted image and text for sign measurement to eliminate conflict
20-9	Added 30-day period for action upon notice
20-12	Eliminated ambiguous language based on legal advice
20-15	Added maximum dimensions for address placards
20-15	Added content-neutral descriptors for drive-through signage based on legal advice
20-17	Allowed residential entrance wall banners for residential communities to be attached to a wall, to a fence, or to be freestanding
20-21	Added regulations to limit visual impact of EMCs (light intensity and message sequencing)
ARTICLE IV	Replaced two images with clearer depictions
20-23	Clarified maximum of yard signs per common development (as opposed to per tenant suite)

20-23	Eliminated large yard signs for single-family resident to eliminate redundancies (previously had same sign area as small yard signs)
20-24/20-25/20-26	Specifying limits for tenants in larger common developments. Limiting number of small yard signs to one per tenant suite
20-28	Clarified that requirements for quasi-public/institutional uses apply regardless of zoning district
20-28	Added missing temporary sign standards
20-32	Added permitting process based on legal advice (instead of relying on regular construction permit process)
20-33	Added standards for master sign plan based on legal advice
20-35	Removed variance process based on legal advice. Variances as previously possible become unnecessary based on menu approach. If a specific sign type would be blocked, another one may be possible.
20-37	Copied appeals language from zoning ordinance into sign ordinance based on legal advice

UPDATE JULY 12

At the June 12 City Council meeting, and in subsequent communication, city council members requested additional information or changes. The staff made changes to the regulations for EMCs in residential neighborhoods and signs behind windows, and prepared an option for residential entrance banner signs for subdivisions without entrance walls for the City Council to consider. The changes and additional discussion items are in the attached presentation slides that will be presented at the City Council meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends **APPROVAL**.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Commission recommended **APPROVAL** in a unanimous vote (6-0).

ATTACHMENTS

Chapter 20 – New sign code
 Public comment received

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Date: October 11, 2021
Subject: New Sign Code – Steering Committee Comments

ITEM DESCRIPTION

At the September 13, 2021 City Council hearing, the City Council tasked the staff with reconvening the steering committee for the sign code to obtain feedback on the draft code. Due to limited availability, a scheduled meeting was not possible for the committee members. In lieu, the staff sent out the draft code and a summary presentation of key changes, and offered one-on-one meetings to meet steering committee members' schedules.

Prior to the City Council meeting, the staff received three sets of comments from steering committee members Cooper, Schroeder, and Wittenstein. The comments are attached to this document and summarized below. The staff has subsequently reviewed each comment and prepared a response that is also captured below.

None of the comments submitted flagged a glaring error in the code or a potential legal issue. The majority of comments pertained to sign size, sign lighting, or the appropriate number of signs per property. These issues require significant deliberation to weigh issues that include free speech, business needs, and aesthetic preferences, amongst others.

The current draft incorporates the results of a year-long deliberation process that included the sign consultant, the steering committee, the planning commission, the city council, the city staff, and various business owners and members of the public. The review of the sign code was advertised and reported upon in various news media. With an eye towards the integrity of that process, the staff recommends no changes to the code at this time. Instead, the staff proposes to closely monitor the initial outcomes of the code. Should changes be needed, the staff will prepare a text amendment to correct and adjust code elements.

Section	SC Member	Comment	Staff Response
20-2	Schroeder	Concern that ordinance affects parts of the church campus that are not visible from the road	The current language applies to all signs, regardless of whether they can be seen from the street; so did the previous sign ordinance. Whether to only apply to signs visible from a street is a fundamental philosophical difference in sign regulations that impacts all further regulations. Staff will observe impacts, but no change recommended.
20-13	Wittenstein	PD District language allows for too much flexibility	PD districts are intended for development that is innovative and may require unique signage. All signage will require multiple public hearings. Specific standards are included for the master site plan in Sec. 20-33.
20-13	Cooper	PD District language should maintain current level of flexibility	
20-14	Wittenstein	LED strip and rope lighting on the exterior of a building should be prohibited	Lighting is not considered signage and should not be regulated by the sign ordinance.

20-15	Cooper	Calculate 30% limit for window signs based on aggregate glass area instead of per windowpane	This would allow the ability to block entire windows with signage. The current language also matches the previous ordinance.
20-17	Wittenstein	Add provision to allow new businesses to have a banner for up to 60 days	The current language allows this in Sec. 20-15.j
20-17	Wittenstein	Expressly prohibit manual changeable copy signs	The current language prohibits manual changeable copy signs in Sec. 20-14.d except where expressly allowed.
20-17	Cooper	Do not further prohibit manual changeable copy signs. Allow for manual changeable copy case-by-case	
20-23	Wittenstein	Reduce number of residential yard signs allowed from five to two	This was set to accommodate political yard signs and "happy birthday"-type signage. Increased sign limits during campaign season were rejected by the legal team.
20-23	Wittenstein	Question about duration limit for residential yard signs	No specific duration limit to accommodate "everything will be okay"-type signage. This matches the previous ordinance.
20-24/20-25	Wittenstein	Limit projecting signs and wayfinding signs to indirect and shadow/halo lighting only (except in Perimeter Center	Lighting was considered intensively by the steering committee, planning commission, the staff, and the consultants. The compromise was to allow most-intense lighting options in Perimeter Center, less in the commercial districts, and even less in office and residential districts.
20-24/20-25	Cooper	Maintain direct lighting for projecting and wayfinding signs	
20-24/20-25	Cooper	Add direct lighting wall and monument signs in office and commercial districts	
20-25	Wittenstein	Reduce number of monument signs from one per curb cut to one per frontage	Number and size of monument signs was considered intensively by the steering committee, planning commission, the staff, and the consultants. The compromise was to allow most-intense options in Perimeter Center, less in the commercial districts, and even less in office and residential districts
20-25	Wittenstein	Reduce projecting signs in commercial districts from 8 sf to 6 sf or leave at 8 sf and prohibit direct lighting	Lighting was considered intensively by the steering committee, planning commission, the staff, and the consultants. The compromise was to allow most-intense lighting options in Perimeter Center, less in the commercial districts, and even less in office and residential districts.
20-25	Wittenstein	Only allow freestanding hanging signs within 20 feet of a commercial building entrance in commercial districts	The current language restricts freestanding hanging signs to be within 20 feet of a building entrance
20-25/20-26	Wittenstein	Require businesses to choose between either a projecting sign or a freestanding hanging sign	In commercial districts, the current language requires business owners to choose between two sign types.

20-26	Wittenstein	Reduce number of monument signs to from two to one per vehicular entrance. Increase height limit from 6 feet to 8 feet	Number and size of monument signs was considered intensively by the steering committee, planning commission, the staff, and the consultants. The compromise was to allow most-intense options in Perimeter Center, less in the commercial districts, and even less in office and residential districts
20-26/20-28	Wittenstein	Increase EMC size from 40% to 60% of total sign face area	The percentage was set so businesses can display events or special promotions. The majority of the signage, i.e. the business name is to remain static. Staff will observe impacts, but no change recommended.
20-26	Wittenstein	Prohibit freestanding hanging signs in Perimeter Center	This is one of many options in Perimeter Center. Staff does not foresee these to be popular in Perimeter Center, but does not see any negative impacts.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY
CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING A NEW SIGN CODE TO REPLACE THE
CURRENT SIGN CODE**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody is charged with preserving the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody finds that signs provide an important medium through which persons may convey a variety of noncommercial and commercial messages; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody finds that signs, due to their size, number, location, lighting type, and design characteristics, can become a threat to public safety as a traffic hazard, a detriment to property values, and to the City’s general welfare; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dunwoody has sought and incorporated the guidance of subject matter experts and community stakeholders by establishing a steering committee for the creation of the new sign code; and
- WHEREAS,** said steering committee has met four times and provided a framework for the draft of the new sign code; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody are empowered to regulate the display of signs within the City of Dunwoody; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Council wish to create new standards for signs within the City of Dunwoody.

THEREFORE, Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody hereby **ORDAIN as follows:**

The current chapter 20 (Signs) of the City of Dunwoody Code of Ordinances is hereby fully replaced by Attachment A.

Attachment A: Chapter 20. Signs

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

ORDINANCE 2021-__-__

SO ORDAINED, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Approved:

Lynn Deutsch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form and Content:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
(Seal)

City Attorney

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Purpose and Intent

ARTICLE I. - INTRODUCTION AND HOW TO USE THIS SIGN CODE

Sec. 20-1. Purpose and Intent

The City Council finds that signs provide an important medium through which persons may convey a variety of noncommercial and commercial messages. However, left completely unregulated, the number, size, design characteristics, and locations of signs in the City can become a threat to public safety as a traffic hazard, a detriment to property values and to the City's general public welfare, and create an aesthetic nuisance. The City further finds that signs have become excessive, and that many signs are distracting and dangerous to motorists and pedestrians, and substantially detract from the beauty and appearance of the City. The City finds that there is a substantial need directly related to the public health, safety, and welfare to comprehensively address these concerns through the adoption of the following regulations.

The City further finds that there is a substantial difference between signs erected by public authority and signs erected by private citizens or businesses. Signs erected by public authority are virtually all erected for the purpose of maintaining the public safety either through direct control of traffic or through provision of such type signage as street signs which enable the traveling public to know where they are located and to find where they are going. As such, with the exception of signs identifying government buildings, virtually all government signs are erected purely for public safety purposes. Moreover, their use in the public right-of-way is necessary to ensure their visibility to the motoring public. The Mayor and Council finds that public utility signs are frequently of the same nature as those signs erected by governmental entities in that they provide necessary information to safeguard the public from downed power lines and from street excavations. Even where signs serve a propriety purpose, such as identifying markings on utility poles, public utility signs are marked primarily for the purpose of benefiting the public generally through identification of locations where there may be temporary losses of power.

The City finds that some signage has a single targeted function and that identification of such signs by description is impossible without referring to its function. For instance, address numerals are used for the sole purpose of locating addresses, which is of benefit to those persons looking for those addresses and is essential to public safety personnel responding to emergencies. Signs at the entrances to common developments favor a similar purpose in enabling both the traveling public and emergency personnel to quickly locate entrances for the purpose of either visitation or responding to emergency calls or where the State authorizes the department of agriculture to regulate the display of retail fuel station pricing and for the best interest of the public to advertise said prices. While such signage is referenced based upon the function it serves within the context of this chapter, the provisions of this chapter are unrelated to the content of speech provided and allow maximum expressive potential to sign owners.

The purpose and intent of the governing authority of the City in enacting this chapter are as follows:

1. To protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Dunwoody, and to implement the policies and objectives of the comprehensive plan of the City through the enactment of a comprehensive set of regulations governing signs in the City;
2. To regulate the erection and placement of signs in order to provide safe operating conditions for pedestrian and vehicular traffic without unnecessary and unsafe distractions to drivers or pedestrians;

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Applicability

3. To preserve the value of property on which signs are located and from which signs may be viewed;
4. To maintain an aesthetically attractive City in which signs are compatible with the use patterns of established zoning districts;
5. To maintain for the City's residents, workers and visitors a safe and aesthetically attractive environment and to advance the aesthetic interest of the City;
6. To establish comprehensive sign regulations that effectively balance legitimate business and development needs with a safe and aesthetically attractive environment for residents, workers, and visitors;
7. To provide fair and reasonable opportunities for businesses which are located within the City, and to provide for the identification of the availability of products, goods or services so as to promote the economic vitality of businesses;
8. To ensure the protection of free speech rights under the State of Georgia and United States Constitutions;
9. To establish a permit system to allow specific types of signs in zoning districts consistent with the uses, intent and aesthetic characteristics of those districts;
10. To allow certain signs that are small, safe, unobtrusive on lots, subject to the substantive requirements of this chapter but without a requirement for permits;
11. To provide for temporary signs in limited circumstances;
12. To place reasonable controls on nonconforming signs that are by definition contrary to the public health, safety and welfare while protecting the constitutional rights of the owners of said nonconforming signs; and
13. To provide for the maintenance of signs, and to provide for the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 20-2. **Applicability**

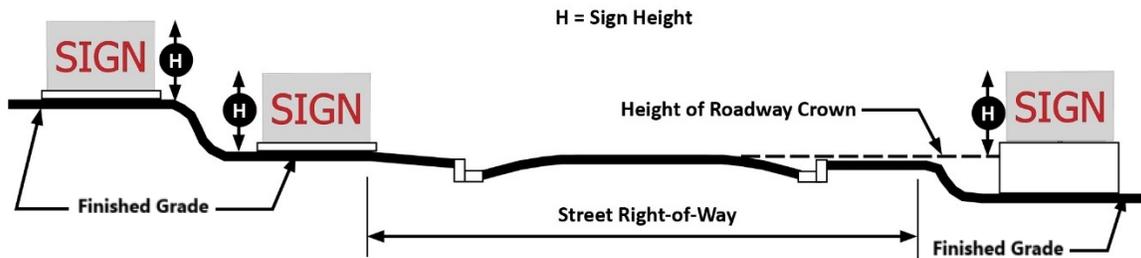
The provisions of this article shall apply to all signs erected within the corporate limits of the City that are directed to be viewed from the outdoors. All erection, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, moving, altering, or converting of signs in the City shall be performed in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

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How to Measure Sign Dimensions

Sec. 20-3. How to Measure Sign Dimensions

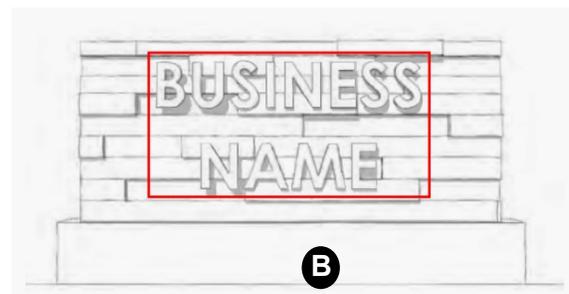
a. Sign Height Measurement



1. The height of a sign shall be measured from the finished grade (as defined in Dunwoody Code Sec. 27-621 – Terms Defined), which shall not be raised so as to create additional sign height, or the height of the roadway crown of the adjacent street which the sign faces, whichever is higher, to the highest point of the sign structure, including the bracket, supports, and any sign face surrounds. The above diagram illustrates sign height measurement.
2. All sign height standards herein shall be considered as measured above grade.

b. Sign Area Measurement

1. For signs on a background, the entire area of the framework or background of the sign is calculated as the sign area, including any material or color forming the sign face or background used to differentiate the sign from the sign structure against which it is placed. (See diagram “A” below).
2. For signs consisting of freestanding letters or features attached to a wall, the sign area is calculated as the total area of the smallest hypothetical square, rectangle, triangle, or circle surrounding all letters or features. (See diagram “B” below). Sign area does not include any supporting framework or bracing unless such framework or bracing is part of the message or sign face. (See diagram “A” below).
- 3.



4. For window signs, including neon window signs, the total sign area is measured by multiplying the full width of the overall sign copy, including the lettering, logo, and graphics, by the overall height of the sign copy in a rectangular manner, regardless of the arrangement of the copy.
5. When two sign faces are placed back-to-back, so that both faces cannot be viewed from any one point at the same time and are part of the same sign structure and are not more than 24 inches at its furthest distance apart, the sign area shall be computed by the measurement of the face with the largest sign area.

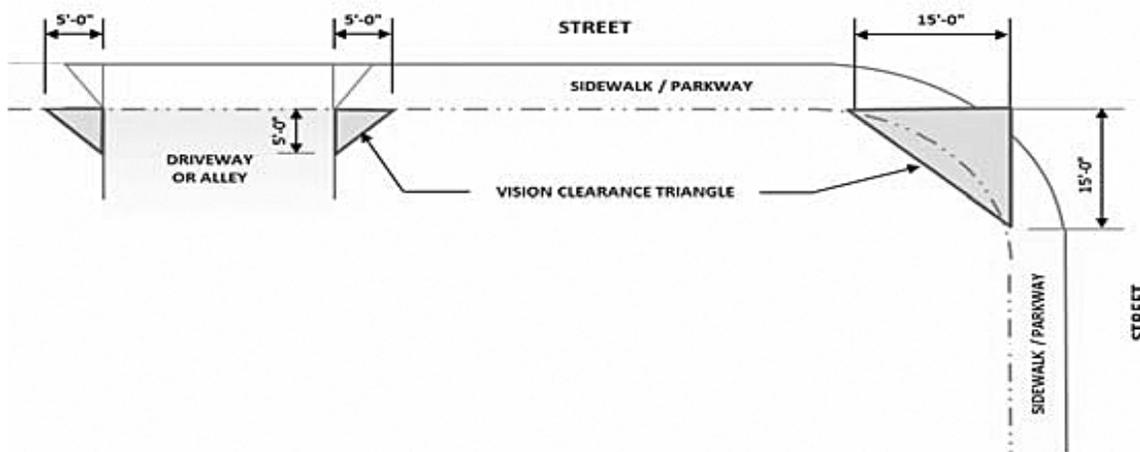
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Sign Location

Sec. 20-4. **Sign Location**

- a. Signs shall not be situated so that they interfere with the movement or visibility for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, or in any way obstructs views of traffic signals and other traffic devices.

Signs and their supporting structures shall not interfere with public utility equipment or communication lines/equipment that are either above or below the grade.

- b. At a minimum, signs shall not be located within the vision clearance triangle. The vision clearance triangle means the triangular area adjacent to the intersection of any street established by measuring a distance of 15 feet from the point of intersection of two streets along the right-of-way of each of the intersecting streets, or a distance of 5 feet from the point of intersection of a street and a driveway and connecting the ends of each measured distance to assure adequate visibility sight lines for vehicular traffic approaching the intersection. *Exception:* Wall signs and any other signs that are placed flat against a building wall are not subject to this requirement.



Sec. 20-5. **Landscaping Requirement**

An area around the base of each ground-mounted sign equal to the sign face area must be landscaped to improve the overall appearance of the sign and to reduce the risk of vehicles colliding with the sign or its supports. Landscaping must include natural vegetation and may include other materials and components such as brick or concrete bases or planter boxes. Within the vision clearance triangle, landscaping shall include only grass and/or a mulched landscape bed of annual plantings that do not grow higher than 24 inches.

Sec. 20-6. **Owner’s Consent Required**

No sign may be permitted or posted on property without the consent of the property’s owner or authorized agent. Should it be determined that a sign was erected on a lot pursuant to an alleged agent’s incorrect representation that the record owner of the lot in fact gave permission for the erection of a sign, or otherwise in violation of the requirement in this Section, the permit for such sign shall be revoked as set forth in Sec. 20-32 of this sign code.

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Sign Maintenance

Sec. 20-7. Sign Maintenance

All signs shall be maintained in safe and good structural condition, in compliance with all applicable building and electrical codes, and in conformance with this chapter at all times. Such maintenance includes replacement of all defective bulbs, parts, materials, painting, repainting, cleaning, and other acts required for maintenance of erected signs. If any sign does not comply with the above maintenance and repair standards, the City shall require its removal as set forth in Sec. 20-9 of this sign code.

Sec. 20-8. Building Code Compliance

To the extent that it is not inconsistent with this chapter, and except for administrative and permitting provisions of this sign ordinance, the present edition of the Standard Building Code, National Electric Code and other building and construction codes as adopted and modified by the City and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs are incorporated as a part of this chapter as if fully restated herein for the same purposes stated in Sec. 20-1 hereof and for the same purposes for which the International Building Code was promulgated and enacted, which purposes are expressly incorporated herein.

Sec. 20-9. Removal of Unsafe, Unlawful, or Abandoned Signs

- a. Within 30 days of the date of written notice by the City, the owner, person, or firm maintaining a sign shall correct violations when a sign becomes unsafe, is in danger of falling, or it is determined by the City to be a nuisance in accordance with Dunwoody Code Ch. 22 – Nuisances, or it is deemed unsafe by the City or it is unlawfully erected in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. Necessary actions to correct violations may include, but are not limited, to making repairs or removing the sign.
- b. The City may remove or cause to be removed the sign at the expense of the property owner or authorized agent in the event that the owner or the person or firm maintaining the sign has not complied with the terms of the notice within 30 days of the date of the notice. In the event of immediate danger, the City may remove the sign immediately.
- c. Sign faces must be covered or removed once a property is vacated for 30 days.

Sec. 20-10. Permits

Except for those signs set forth herein which may be erected without obtaining a permit, every person desiring to erect a sign shall first obtain a sign permit and all other permits required for the desired structure in accordance with City ordinances.

Sec. 20-11. Sign Contractor's License and Insurance

To erect a sign, a contractor must provide documentation in the form of an occupational tax certificate and a certificate of insurance. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of erecting or maintaining signs within the City unless and until such entity shall have obtained an occupation tax certificate in the state and a certificate of insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the state evidencing that the entity has in effect public liability and property damage insurance in the sum of \$25,000.00 for property damage for any one claim, and public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$100,000.00 for injuries, including accidental death to one person. The certificate of insurance shall state that the insurance carrier shall notify the City not less than 30 days in advance of any termination and/or restriction of the coverage, including nonrenewal, cancellation, and nonpayment of any premium. If the business has comparable insurance from another city or county in Georgia, the installer's insurance provider shall provide a current certificate of insurance to the City, prior to the installation of signage. *Exception:* Limited duration signs are not subject to the provisions of this Sec. 20-11.

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Non-Commercial Messages

Sec. 20-12. Non-Commercial Messages

Any sign provided for in any zoning district may contain non-commercial messages, unless expressly restricted in other sections of the code.

Sec. 20-13. Signage in Planned Development (PD) Districts

For signage proposed as part of a Planned Development (PD) district, an applicant may either:

- (1) submit a signage plan showing all proposed signs in the planned development for approval as part of the PD approval process set forth in Sec. 27-87; or
- (2) submit any proposed signs for review and approval by the community development director, and the community development director shall review the signs in accordance with the standards set forth herein for the zoning classification that would most closely align with that of the uses associated with the sign(s) proposed in the PD.

Chapter 20. Signs
Prohibited Signs

ARTICLE II. - PROHIBITED AND EXEMPT SIGNS

Sec. 20-14. Prohibited Signs

Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, the following signs are prohibited within the City:

- a. Dilapidated signs, including sign structures.
- b. Animated signs, including balloons, streamers, air or gas filled figures, signs that move mechanically as a result of human activity, wherever located.
- c. Beacon signs/search lights.
- d. Electronic message signs, changeable copy signs, and electronic signs. *Exception:* As expressly permitted in Sec. 20-18, 20-26, and 20-28 herein below.
- e. Multi-faced signs (more than two sides) and tri-vision signs.
- f. Neon (or LED tube or rope lighting resembling neon) window signs larger than 3 square feet in total area.
- g. Pole signs and pylon signs. *Exception:* Wayfinding signs, drive-through signs, freestanding hanging signs, and temporary banner signs may be permitted as set forth herein below.
- h. Portable signs. *Exception:* Signs mounted, wrapped or painted on a moving vehicle are permitted so long as the vehicle is currently being utilized for a properly licensed business and, whenever parked and not utilized for said business, is parked at a designated service/loading and unloading area or at the furthest-available parking space from a right-of-way. Alternatively, such a vehicle may be parked behind the business to which it relates if to do so minimizes the view of the portable sign by the public.
- i. Signs on public rights-of-way other than publicly owned or maintained signs and signs pertaining to railroad crossings.
- j. Signs that contain words, pictures, or statements which are obscene.
- k. Signs that visually simulate an official traffic control device, warning sign, or regulatory sign or which hide from view any traffic control device, signal, or public service sign.
- l. Signs that emit or utilize in any manner any sound capable of being detected on any traveled road or highway by a person with normal hearing abilities.
- m. Signs that interfere with road or highway visibility or obstruct or otherwise interfere with the safe and orderly movement of traffic or which otherwise pose a hazard to traffic due to structural deficiencies in the structure of such signs.
- n. Signs erected by nailing, fastening, or affixing the sign in any manner to any tree, curb, utility pole, natural feature, fence, street sign, or other structure other than wall signs as permitted herein. *Exception:* Does not apply to temporary banner signs.
- o. Signs attached to a fire escape or that obstruct any fire escape, any means of egress or ventilation or shall prevent free passage from one part of a roof to any other part thereof.
- p. Signs that do not conform to City or State building and electrical codes.
- q. Any sign that is structurally unsound or is a hazard to traffic or pedestrians.
- r. Any sign that changes color(s), flashes, blinks, oscillates, or intimates movement through lighting effect(s) or the use of video display of any kind, and in any way visible from the right-of-way.

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Signs Exempt from Permit Requirements

- s. A roof sign on a building under 40 feet in total height.

Sec. 20-15. Signs Exempt from Permit Requirements

While the following signs do not require a permit, they are not exempt from any applicable standards of this chapter and shall be subject to all applicable regulations hereunder:

- a. Painted signs, decals, or other signs located directly inside or on the window and/or door of the ground floor of a commercial use, if less than 30 percent of the area of a windowpane.
- b. Door signs if less than 3 square feet in total area and not more than one sign per door.
- c. Yard Signs – Small. *See applicable regulations herein below.*
- d. Address placards with a maximum character height of 3 inches in residential districts and 12 inches in non-residential districts and that are erected for the sole purpose of displaying street numbers as may be required by other ordinances, and other signs required by law.
- e. Flags of any fabric or bunting containing colors, patterns, or symbols; attached to a flagpole as a freestanding structure, or a structure attached to a building or to the roof of a building, on a parcel of record and used for the sole purpose of displaying flags, the height of which shall be measured from the average grade. *See applicable regulations herein below.*
- f. Non-governmental traffic control and directional devices located entirely on private property and consistent with those found in the manual of uniform traffic control devices in or adjacent to parking areas, and driveways and warning signs located at railroad crossings.
- g. Government mandated signs in compliance with the manual of uniform traffic control devices that comply with the requirements of state law for such signs placed or required to be placed by a government entity.
- h. Drive-through signs placed adjacent to a commercial drive through, with a maximum of four such signs per property, so long as any ground-mounted drive-through sign does not exceed 18 square feet and any wall-mounted drive-through sign does not exceed nine square feet, as well as associated panel exchanges.
- i. Sandwich boards. *See applicable regulations herein below.*
- j. Temporary banner sign for a new business for 60 days prior to the installation of a permanent sign. *See applicable regulations herein below.*
- k. One neon (or LED tube or rope lighting resembling neon) window sign not larger than 3 square feet in total area per individual tenant suite. No blinking shall be allowed.

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Defined Sign Terms**ARTICLE III. - SIGN TERMS & TYPES****Sec. 20-16. Defined Sign Terms**

In addition to the sign types defined below in this chapter, the following defined terms are used in this chapter:

- a. **Abandoned or Dilapidated Sign:** Any sign that contains or exhibits broken panels, visible rust, visible rot, damaged support structures, holes on or in the sign structure, broken, missing, loose, or bent parts, faded, or flaking paint, non-operative or partially non-operative illumination or mechanical devices or which is otherwise dilapidated, unsightly, unkempt, or which is located on a property or business without an occupational tax certificate.
- b. **Animated Sign:** Any sign that includes action or motion.
- c. **Common Development:** A parcel or combination of parcels which share a common development plan, or that are dependent upon one another for access, parking, or utilities.
- d. **Door Sign:** An impermanent sign no greater than 3 square feet erected on a door.
- e. **Drive-through Sign:** Any sign located next to a drive-through window or in a drive-through aisle.
- f. **Electronic Message Center (EMC):** An electrically activated changeable copy sign having variable message and/or graphic presentation capability that can be electronically programmed by computer or handheld device from a remote location.
- g. **Flag:** A piece of cloth with distinctive colors or patterns that constitutes the official representation of a governmental or private entity.
- h. **Gasoline Station Pump-Island Sign:** A sign located under a canopy and on top of the pump islands of a service station or convenience store with gas pumps.
- i. **Main Entrance:** The entrance of a building that is intended to be the primary public pedestrian access into and out of the building.
- j. **Parapet:** A low wall or protective barrier that extends vertically above the roof or uppermost floor of a building or other structure.
- k. **Pole Sign:** A permanent sign that is mounted on a freestanding pole or other support that is placed on, or anchored in, the ground and that is independent from any building or other structure.
- l. **Portable Sign:** Any sign not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure; or a sign designed to be transported, including, but not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of wheels; balloons used as signs; and signs attached to or painted on vehicles while visible from the public right-of-way, except as provided herein. For the purposes of this chapter, sandwich board signs, banners and pole banners as prescribed herein are not considered portable signs.
- m. **Primary Vehicle Entrance:** The entrance that provides vehicular access to a property from a street that is intended to be the main vehicular entrance serving the building or common development.
- n. **Side Façade:** The elevations of a building that are located between the front elevation and the rear elevation.
- o. **Sign:** A device, fixture, placard, structure, or representation that uses any color, form, graphic, illumination, symbol or writing for visual communication, which is used for the purpose of bringing the subject thereof to the attention of others and is directed to be viewed from any outdoor space. For purposes of this chapter, the term "sign" shall include the structure upon which a sign face is located. Flags and banners shall be included within this definition only as provided elsewhere herein.
- p. **Temporary Sign:** Any sign, banner, pennant, or advertising display intended to be displayed for a limited time period.

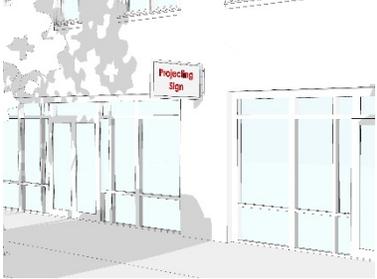
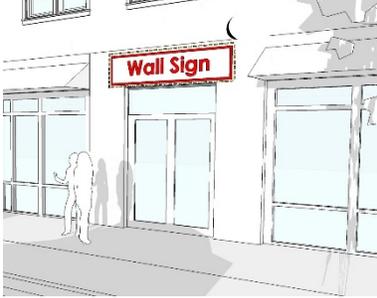
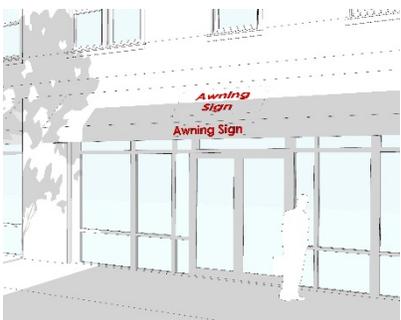
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Defined Sign Types

Sec. 20-17. Defined Sign Types

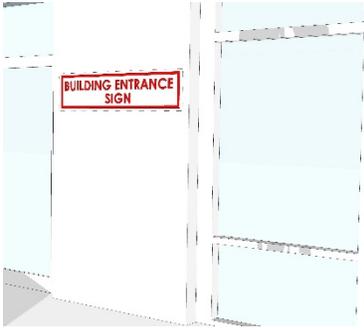
The following general sign types are allowed on private property within the City according to the standards and subject to all requirements set forth herein: (a) building mounted signs; (b) ground mounted signs; (c) window signs; and (d) limited duration signs. Signs related to events in public places are governed by Dunwoody Code Sec. 26-279 – Pole Banners. Sign subtypes are defined and illustrated within each general sign type below. Sign lighting types are also defined and illustrated below the sign type tables.

a. Building Mounted Signs

Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
Projecting Signs	Any sign which projects outward from a building or other structure and extends more than 24 inches horizontally from the plane of the building wall. The signage area must not be parallel to the building.	
Wall Signs	Any sign attached parallel/flat to a wall, painted on the wall surface, or erected and confined within the limits of an outside wall of any building or structure, which is supported by such wall or building, and which displays only one sign surface.	
Awning Signs	Any sign painted on, or applied to, an awning. Lettering, logos, or symbols are permitted on the valance and sloping portion.	

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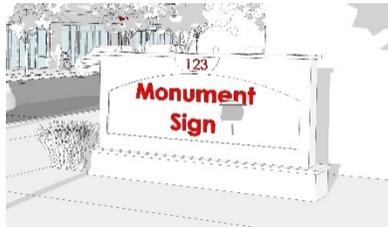
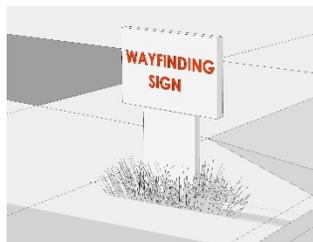
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Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
<p>Canopy Signs</p>	<p>Any sign that is part of or attached to a canopy.</p>	
<p>Painted Wall Mural Signs</p>	<p>A large picture/image (including but not limited to painted art) which is painted, constructed, or affixed directly onto a vertical building wall, which may or may not contain text, logos, and/or symbols.</p>	
<p>Building Entrance Wall Signs</p>	<p>A sign that is located on a wall immediately adjacent to the entrance of a building.</p>	
<p>Roof Signs</p>	<p>A sign attached to or supported by the roof of a multi-story building, or a sign that extends into and/or above the immediately adjacent roof line of the building irrespective of attachment point, or a sign that wholly or partially encroaches upon any roof line of a building, or a sign attached to, encroaching into or extending above the sloping phase of a mansard roof or faux mansard roof, or any combination thereof.</p>	

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Ground Mounted Signs

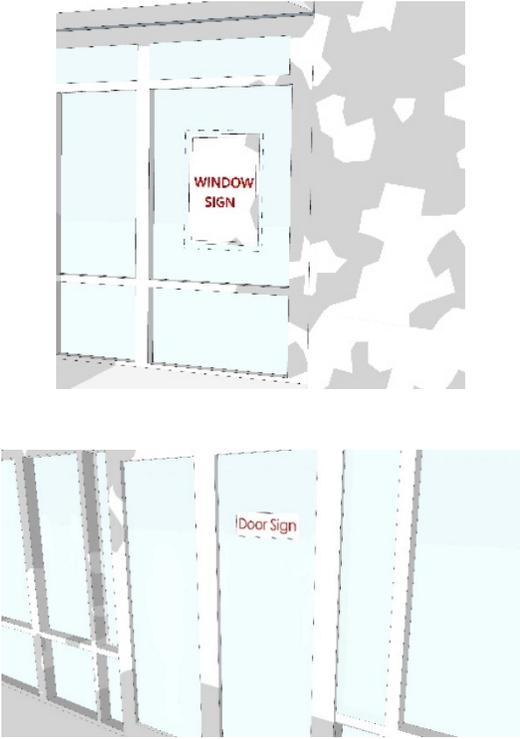
b. **Ground Mounted Signs**

Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
Monument Sign	A two-sided sign attached to a permanent foundation or fastened to a base and not attached or dependent upon any structure, pole, post or similar support.	
Residential Monument Sign	A monument sign, containing only one sign face, erected at the entrance to a residential common development from public right-of-way not included within that development.	
Wayfinding Signs	Signs that facilitate the movement of traffic throughout the development.	
Freestanding Hanging Signs	A sign which is not attached to a building and which hangs from a support structure attached to a supporting structure attached to the ground.	

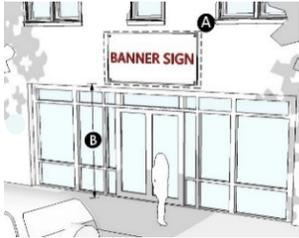
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Window & Door Signs

c. Window & Door Signs

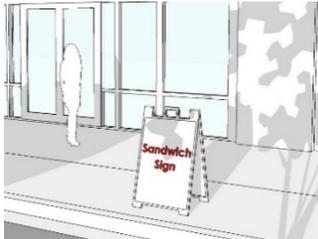
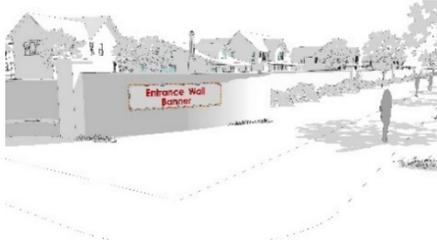
Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
<p>Window and Door Sign</p>	<p>Any sign that is placed on or in the panes of glass of a window opening or door that is either inside or outside a building containing a non-residential use and is oriented to be viewed from the exterior of the structure.</p> <p>Customary displays of merchandise behind a store window are not considered window signs.</p> <p>Any sign within 60 inches of the inside surface of a window and facing the outside will count toward the allotment of total permitted window signage.</p>	

d. Limited Duration Signs

Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
<p>Banner Sign</p>	<p>A sign with or without characters, letters, illustrations, or ornamentations applied to flexible material.</p>	
<p>Patio Umbrella Sign</p>	<p>Any lettering or symbol that is printed, painted, or affixed to a table or patio umbrella.</p>	

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Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
Sandwich Board Sign	A single or double-faced, hinged or un-hinged, temporary sign designed to be used on a sidewalk or pedestrian way.	 <p>An illustration of a sandwich board sign, which is a rectangular sign with a hinged top and bottom, standing on a sidewalk in front of a building with large windows. The sign has the words "Sandwich Sign" written on it.</p>
Yard Signs	A type of non-permanent, sign that is located on private property that can be displayed for a limited duration of time.	 <p>An illustration of a yard sign, which is a rectangular sign mounted on a wooden post. The sign has the words "Yard Sign" written on it. It is located on a lawn in front of a house.</p>
Entrance Wall Banner	An impermanent sign erected at the entrance to a residential common development which may be affixed to a common development wall sign, to a wall, to a fence, or may be freestanding. These signs may not be erected at the entrances to individual residences.	 <p>An illustration of an entrance wall banner, which is a long, narrow sign mounted on a wall. The sign has the words "Entrance Wall Banner" written on it. It is located at the entrance to a residential common development, with houses and trees in the background.</p>

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Gasoline/EV Charging Station Pump-Island Signs

Sec. 20-18. Gasoline/EV Charging Station Pump-Island Signs

In addition to the sign types otherwise allowed in this chapter, gasoline and/or electric vehicle charging stations with pump/charging station islands may have signage located under a canopy and on top of the pump/charging station islands of a service station or convenience store with gas pumps, subject to the following limitations:

- a. Within the limits of the canopy covering the pump islands, one sign of a maximum area of 6 square feet each per canopy face facing a street frontage.
- b. Within the limits of the canopy covering the pump islands, pump-island signs shall be limited to no more than two signs per island, not to exceed 4 square feet per sign; provided, however, total square footage of all pump island signs shall not exceed 24 square feet.
- c. If a separate accessory drive-through car wash building is located on site, one additional wall sign, not to exceed 5 square feet per sign, is permitted. In addition, one additional drive-through sign is permitted adjacent to each customer drive-through lane (if applicable). That drive-through sign may not exceed 18 square feet if ground-mounted or 9 square feet if wall-mounted.
- d. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in accordance with state law, changeable copy signs are allowable when accessory to a service station as follows: fuel pricing information shall be a fixed; non-intermittent, static message with no wipes, fades, flashes or similar effects; LED, LCD, and/or electronic lighting is permissible for fuel pricing only.
- e. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LCD panel or LED backlit video screens embedded in pumps/charging stations are permitted so long as they are no larger than 21 inches measured diagonally.

Sec. 20-19. Address Placards

When address numerals in residential districts are located on a placard, the placard shall be no larger than 3 square feet. Address placards may be indirectly illuminated for purposes of more easily identifying the address for safety and convenience purposes.

Sec. 20-20. Flags and Flag Poles

- a. A property shall not have more than four flag poles. *Exception:* Flag poles located on properties used for a quasi-public/institutional use may have more than four flag poles.
- b. All flags shall be displayed on a flagpole or according to recognized flag etiquette and may be indirectly illuminated. In non-residential districts, flagpoles shall not exceed the maximum building height applicable for the zoning district, or 60 feet, whichever is less. Flagpoles in residential districts shall not exceed the lesser of 25 feet in height or the height of the primary structure on the lot.

The maximum dimensions of any flag shall be proportional to the flagpole height as set forth in the following table. The hoist side of the flag shall not exceed 20 percent of the vertical height of the flagpole when ground mounted.

Pole Height (Max.) (ft.)	Flag Size (Max.) (sq. ft.)
Up to 25	24
25—39	40
40—49	60
50—60	96

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Electronic Message Center (EMC) and Manual Changeable Copy

Sec. 20-21. Electronic Message Center (EMC) and Manual Changeable Copy

- a. Electronic message centers shall be permitted as a component of gasoline station signage, quasi-public/institutional uses, and in the Perimeter Center Overlay Districts in accordance with the following standards:

- 1. No sign containing an electronic message center shall be located within 125 feet of any signalized intersection as measured from the point where the existing right-of-way lines of the intersecting streets meet. In a case where a rounded or cut property corner exists, this measurement shall be taken from the point of the intersection of the existing rights-of-way lines, as extended. The distance shall be measured along the right-of-way line from the point of intersection. *(See graphic illustration above.)*



- 2. Any electronic message center that is located within 300 feet of any residential use must automatically turn off between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. daily.
- 3. An electronic message sequence must remain static for a minimum of 10 seconds before the next message appears.
- 4. An electronic message sequence must be accomplished by means of fading or dissolving but shall not scroll, travel or flash. A transition sequence must be completed in no less than 8 seconds.
- 5. No portion of any sign may change its message or background in a manner or by a method of display characterized by motion, other than fading or dissolving, or pictorial imagery or depicts action or a special effect to imitate movement, or the presentation of pictorials or graphics displayed in a progression of frames that give the illusion of motion or the illusion of moving objects, moving patterns or bands of light or expanding or contracting shapes.
- 6. Electronic message centers shall be designed to either freeze the display in one static position, display a full black screen, or turn off in the event of a malfunction.
- 7. Lighting of electronic message signs is limited to 0.3 footcandles above ambient conditions as measured at the following distances:

Sign area (Sq ft.)	Distance (ft.)
≤ 100	100
101 – 300	150
> 300	200

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Construction Fence Wrap

8. Portable electronic message signs are prohibited. No electronic message center shall be permitted to be included as part of any limited duration sign.
- b. Manual changeable copy signs are permitted only when integrated into signage for a quasi-public/institutional use or as permitted for a gasoline station.

Sec. 20-22. Construction Fence Wrap

- a. Wraps are allowed on fences securing construction sites for the duration of the construction activity.
- b. The wrap must be removed prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
- c. The fence wrap must be maintained in good condition and be properly attached to the fence.
- d. Messages, logos, renderings, or similar information may not exceed 40 percent of the total area of the fence wrap.

ARTICLE IV. - SIGN LIGHTING TYPES

Certain sign types may be illuminated as indicated herein. The type of lighting depends on the sign type and district in which it is located as set forth herein. The following defines and provides example depictions of the various sign lighting types used in this chapter.

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Sign Lighting Type	Definition	Example Graphic
<p>Direct Lighting</p>	<p>A specific style of illumination where the source of light is internal and integral to the sign structure and where the resultant illumination radiates out in the direction of the viewer. This designation includes face-lighted channel letters and sign panels with routed and push-through graphics (backlit).</p>	
<p>Internal Box Lighting</p>	<p>Signs that use a lightbox configuration where a light fixture is inside a box with the front surface consisting of a translucent panel that becomes illuminated on which information is displayed.</p>	
<p>Shadow/Halo Lighting</p>	<p>A specific style of illumination where the sign face and returns are mounted on standoffs away from the wall which project illumination to the wall surface giving the sign a halo effect. In some instances, lighting that creates a shadow/halo effect may be located on the interior of the lettering – this is permissible if the light radiation is not visible on the front surface of lettering, logos, or symbols, and the front is entirely opaque.</p>	
<p>Indirect Lighting</p>	<p>A specific style of illumination where the source of light is external to, and independent of, the sign structure, and the illumination radiates toward the message area away from the viewer. This includes goose neck, linear sign lights, and ground mounted spotlights.</p>	

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Sign Standards: Residential Districts (R, RA, RM, DV-3 Districts)

ARTICLE V. - SIGN STANDARDS

The appropriate sign type, dimension, location, and lighting type are determined by applicable district. For purposes of this chapter, zoning districts are categorized as Residential Districts (all R, RA, RM, DV-3 districts), Office Districts (O-I, O-I-T, O-D, OCR), Commercial and Industrial Districts (NS, C-1, CR-1, C-2, M, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4), the Perimeter Center Overlay District. Additionally, due to their unique situation in the city, this chapter includes specific standards for quasi-public/institutional uses.

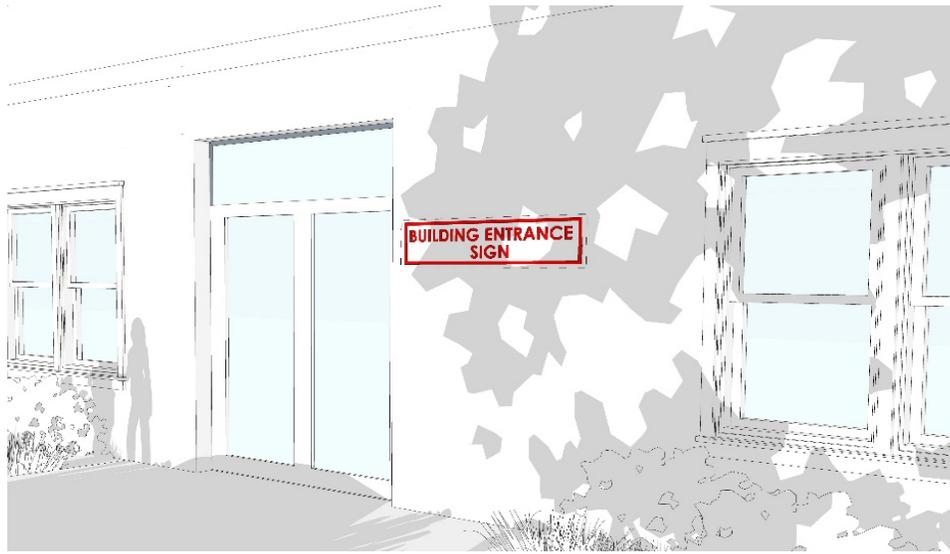
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(a) RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT MONUMENT SIGN			
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	R	RA	RM, DV-3
Total Sign Count	Two per common development entrance - each situated on either side of primary vehicular entrance.	Two per common development entrance - each situated on either side of primary vehicular entrance.	Two per common development entrance situated on either side of primary vehicular entrance; one sign per secondary vehicular entrance not greater than 40% of the allowable dimensions of a primary entrance sign.
Sign Area	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> A 32 sq. ft. Max. </div>		
Total Sign Height	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> B 8 ft. Max. </div>		
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.		
Sign Base Materials	Brick or natural stone		
Illumination Types	Indirect; shadow/halo		
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min.		

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(b) BUILDING ENTRANCE WALL SIGN



STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	R	RA	RM, DV-3
Total Sign Count	None Permitted	None Permitted	1 per building entrance
Total Sign Area			4 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height			6 ft. Max. (as measured from the door threshold to the top of the sign)
Sign Face Materials			Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Illumination Types			Indirect; shadow/halo

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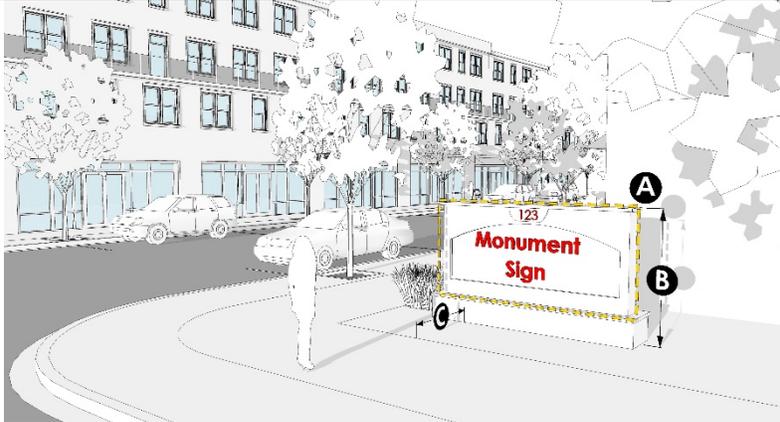
(c) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS				
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	R	RA	RM, DV-3	
YARD SIGN – SMALL				
Total Sign Count	5 Max.		1 Max. per building; total of 5 Max. signs per common development	
Total Sign Area Per Lot	30 sq. ft. Max.		30 sq. ft. Max.	
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.			
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.			
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Setback from R.O.W.	3 ft. Min.			
YARD SIGN – LARGE				
Total Sign Count			2 Max.	
Location			Within 100 ft. of primary vehicular entrance	
Total Sign Area	Not Permitted		12 sq. ft. Max.	
Total Sign Height			6 ft. Max.	
Materials (sign and supports)			Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, or wood face	
Illumination Types			Not Permitted	
Setback from R.O.W.			5 ft. Min.	
ENTRANCE WALL BANNER				
Location		Main common development entrance only (not on individual residences)		
Total Sign Area	30 sq. ft. Max.			
Total Sign Height	Not higher than entrance wall, wall, or fence; 6 ft. Max if freestanding			
Materials (sign and supports)	Cloth or vinyl			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Setback from R.O.W.	Same as entrance wall, wall, or fence if affixed on entrance wall, wall, or fence; 5 ft. Min. if freestanding			
Duration	Permitted for a duration no longer than 2 months total each calendar year			

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Sign Standards: Office Districts (O-I, O-I-T, O-D, OCR, DV-2)

Sec. 20-24. Sign Standards: Office Districts (O-I, O-I-T, O-D, OCR, DV-2)

Where a single building is located on a property, a property owner or authorized agent may choose from any two different permanent sign types listed below. Where multiple buildings are located on a property as part of a common development, a property owner or authorized agent may choose one building mounted sign per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable, and one ground mounted sign per vehicular entrance.

(a) MONUMENT SIGN					
					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	1 Max., or 1 Max. per frontage if located on a corner lot up to a maximum of 2				None Permitted
Sign Area A	32 sq. ft. Max.				
Total Sign Height B	8 ft. Max.				
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone; metal with raised letters or applied vinyl letters; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.				
Sign Base Materials	Brick or natural stone base; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.				
EMC	Not Permitted				
Lighting	Indirect; shadow/halo				
Setback from R.O.W. C	5 ft. Min.				

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(b) WALL SIGN					
					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	<p>Single tenant building: Max. of number of building façades facing a street plus one. Limit of one sign per façade. <i>E.g., a corner building could have one wall sign on each street-facing façade and one wall sign on the rear façade facing the parking lot.</i></p> <p>Multi-tenant building: Max. of number of tenant suite façades facing a street plus one. Limit of one sign per tenant suite façade. <i>E.g., a tenant suite at the corner of a building could have one wall sign on each street-facing tenant suite façade and one wall sign on the rear tenant suite façade facing the parking lot.</i></p>				
Sign Face Area A	<p>Single tenant building up to 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the façade the sign is placed onto or up to 120 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Single tenant building greater than 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the façade the sign is placed onto or up to 180 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Multi-tenant building up to 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the tenant suite façade area the sign is placed onto or up to 120 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Multi-tenant building greater than 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the tenant suite façade area the sign is placed onto or up to 180 square feet, whichever is less.</p>				
Materials	Mounted on a raceway; painted directly on wall; supports and wiring components concealed from public view.				
Illumination Types	Indirect, shadow/halo				
Location on Building	9 ft. Min. height; 16 ft. Max. height; except where there are upper floor tenant suites with exterior main pedestrian entrances in which case the lowest point of the sign shall not be higher than one foot above the highest point of the pedestrian entrance.				

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Location and Setbacks	Flush with wall not protruding more than 24 inches from wall on which it is affixed.
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(c) PROJECTING SIGN

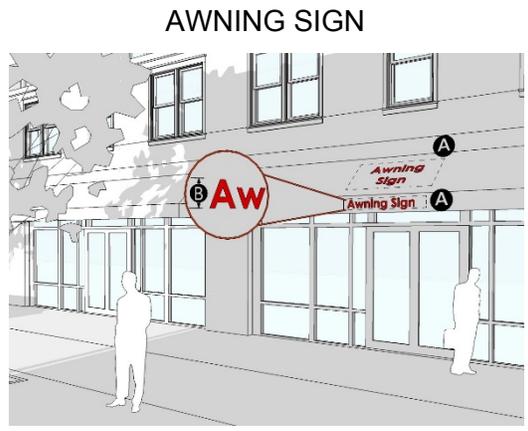


STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	One per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.				
Sign Face Area A	8 sq. ft. Max.				
Location on Building	8 ft. Min. height (lowest point on sign)				
Extension beyond building façade B	4 ft. Max.				
Angle at façade	90 degrees				
Materials	Wood or metal sign face, metal fastening to structure				
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo				

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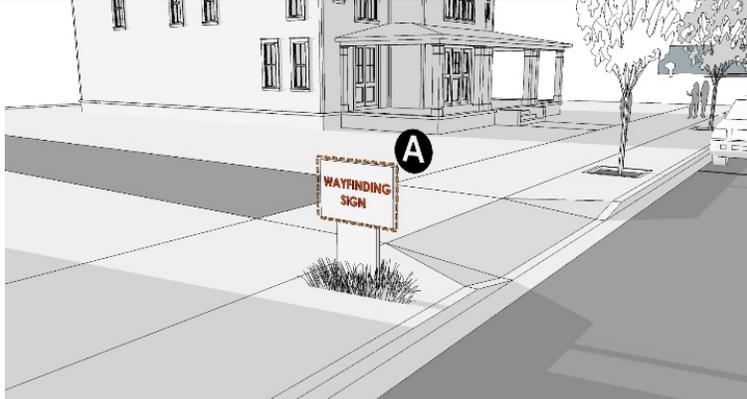
(d) CANOPY SIGN AND AWNING SIGN



CANOPY SIGNS					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	One per building at main pedestrian entrance, or one per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.				
Location	Affixed above canopy or on front face of canopy.				
Sign Face / Lettering Area A	If one per building: 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of width of ground floor glazing over which the awning is located. If one building mounted sign per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance: 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of width of tenant suite pedestrian entrance doors.				
Illumination Types	Indirect				
AWNING SIGNS					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	One per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.				
Sign Face Area (% of awning) A	75% of valance area Max.; 25% sloping portion area Max.				
Materials	Metal supports; vinyl or fabric face				
Illumination Types	Indirect				
Lettering B	Lettering may not extend beyond the awning and a single row of lettering may not cover both the valance and sloping portion.				

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Sign Standards: Office Districts (O-I, O-I-T, O-D, OCR, DV-2)

(e) WAYFINDING SIGN					
					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	Max. 2 per curb cut				
Sign Face Area A	6 sq. ft. Max.				
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.				
Supports	Shall be mounted on base of same material as sign.				
Illumination Types	Direct; indirect; shadow/halo				

(f) PAINTED MURAL SIGN					
					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Location and Size	On side façade only not larger than 1/8 of the total façade wall area not including the area of glazing				
Illumination Types	Indirect				

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Sign Standards: Office Districts (O-I, O-I-T, O-D, OCR, DV-2)

(g) FREESTANDING HANGING SIGN					
					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	1 Max. per curb cut				
Height and Material	Sign face shall be hanging from wood or metal supports no taller than 5 feet; sign face shall be wood or metal.				
Sign Face Area	8 sq. ft. Max.				
Location	No less than 20 feet from the building pedestrian entrance; not less than 5 feet from the R.O.W.				
Illumination Types	Indirect				

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Sign Standards: Office Districts (O-I, O-I-T, O-D, OCR, DV-2)

(h) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS					
(Chose two of any different limited duration signs below at any given time)					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
PATIO UMBRELLA SIGN					
Location	Outdoor dining area and patio area only				
Logo Area	Max. 20% of total umbrella area; every other panel left blank				
Materials	Embroidered or imprinted on canvas or umbrella				
Illumination Types	Not Permitted				
Duration	During business hours only; umbrellas shall be closed after business hours				
YARD SIGN – SMALL					
Count	1 Max. per lot or 1 Max. per tenant suite				
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.				
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.				
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face				
Illumination Types	Not Permitted				
Setback from R.O.W.	3 ft. Min.				
YARD SIGN – LARGE					
Count	1 Max. per lot; 2 Max per common development				
Total Area Per Sign	12 sq. ft. Max.				
Total Sign Height	6 ft. Max.				
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face				
Illumination Types	Not Permitted				
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min.				
TEMPORARY BANNER SIGN					
Count	If attached to the building, then 1 per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance; if attached to a fence, freestanding or retaining wall or ground mounted, then one per property or up to two per common development				
Materials	Cloth or vinyl				
Total Area Per Sign	36 sq. ft. Max.				
Duration	14-day permit up to 6 times per year				
Illumination Types	Not Permitted				

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Sec. 20-25. Commercial and Industrial Districts (NS, C-1, CR-1, C-2, M, DV-1, DV-4)

Where a single building is located on a property, a property owner or authorized agent may choose from any two different permanent sign types listed below. Where multiple buildings are located on a property as part of a common development, a property owner or authorized agent may choose one building mounted sign per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable, and one ground mounted sign per vehicular entrance.

The sign regulations applicable to the C-1 district shall apply to all signage within Dunwoody Village (DV-1 and DV-4 districts); provided, however, that no monument sign shall be located in any street yard of any property within any of the DV-1 and DV-4 districts where the building is located closer than 20 feet to the lot line.

(a) MONUMENT SIGN				
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	1 Max. per curb cut.			
Sign Area (per sign) A	32 sq. ft. Max.			32 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height B	6 ft Max.			8 ft. Max.
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone; metal with raised letters or applied vinyl letters; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.			
Sign Base Materials	Brick or natural stone base, or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.			
EMC	Not Permitted			
Lighting	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo			
Setback from R.O.W. C	5 ft. Min.			

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(b) WALL SIGN



STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	<p>Single tenant building: Max. of number of building façades facing a street plus one. Limit of one sign per façade. <i>E.g., a corner building could have one wall sign on each street-facing façade and one wall sign on the rear façade facing the parking lot.</i></p> <p>Multi-tenant building: Max. of number of tenant suite façades facing a street plus one. Limit of one sign per tenant suite façade. <i>E.g., a tenant suite at the corner of a building could have one wall sign on each street-facing tenant suite façade and one wall sign on the rear tenant suite façade facing the parking lot.</i></p>			
Sign Face Area A	<p>Single tenant building up to 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the façade the sign is placed onto or up to 120 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Single tenant building greater than 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the façade the sign is placed onto or up to 180 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Multi-tenant building up to 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the tenant suite façade area the sign is placed onto or up to 120 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Multi-tenant building greater than 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the tenant suite façade area the sign is placed onto or up to 180 square feet, whichever is less.</p>			
Materials	Mounted on a raceway; painted directly on wall; supports and wiring components concealed from public view			
Illumination Types	Indirect, shadow/halo			
Location on Building	9 ft. Min. height; 16 ft. Max. height.; except where there are upper floor tenant suites with exterior main pedestrian entrances in which case the lowest point of			

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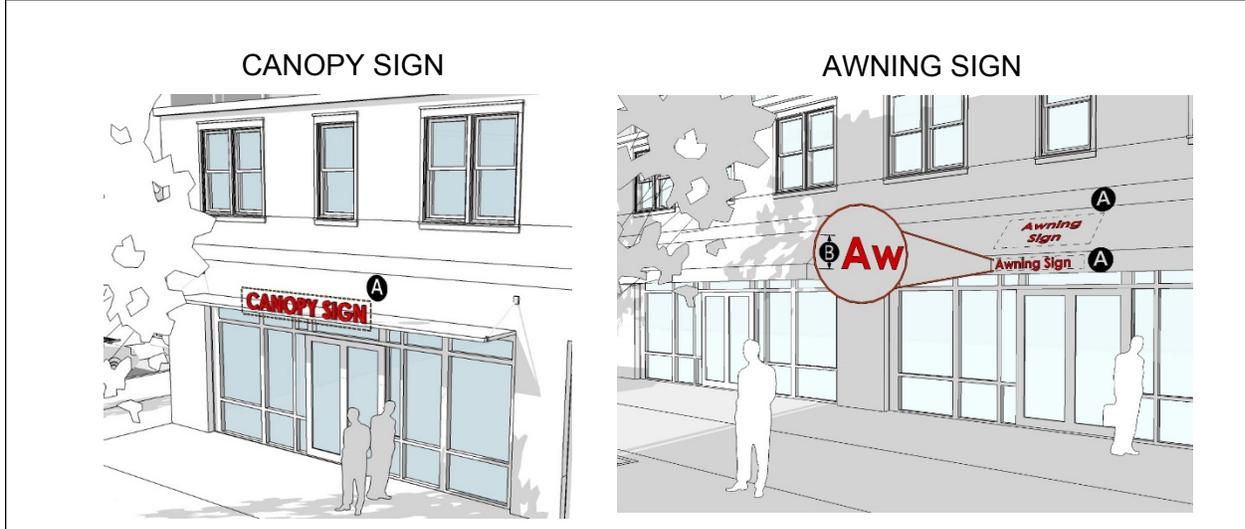
	the sign shall not be higher than one foot above the highest point of the pedestrian entrance.
Location and Setbacks	Flush with wall not protruding more than 24 inches from wall on which it is affixed

(c) PROJECTING SIGN



STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	One per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.			
Sign Face Area A	8 sq. ft. Max.			
Location on Building B	8 ft. Min. height (lowest point of sign)			
Extension Beyond Building Façade	4 ft. Max.			
Angle at Façade	90 degrees			
Materials	Wood or metal sign face, metal fastening to structure			
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo			

(d) CANOPY SIGN AND AWNING SIGN



CANOPY SIGN

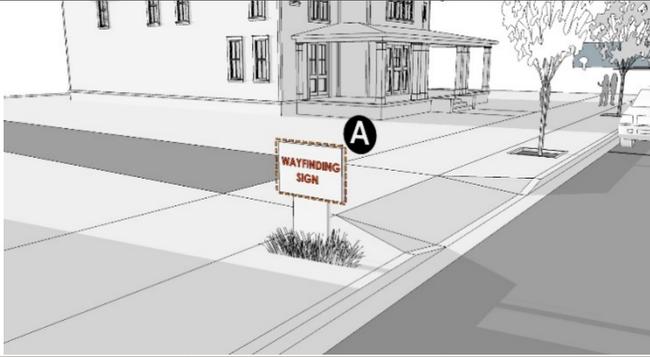
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	One per building at main pedestrian entrance, or one per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.			
Location	Affixed above canopy			
Sign Face / Lettering Area A	If one per building: 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of width of ground floor glazing over which the awning is located. If one building mounted sign per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance: 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of width of tenant suite pedestrian entrance doors.			
Illumination Types	Indirect			

AWNING SIGN

STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	1 Max. per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.			
Sign Face Area (% of awning) A	75% valance area Max.; 25% sloping portion area Max.			
Materials	Metal supports; vinyl face			
Illumination Types	Indirect			
Lettering B	Lettering may not extend beyond the awning and a single row of lettering may not cover both the valance and sloping portion			

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(e) WAYFINDING SIGN				
				
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	2 Max. per curb cut			
Sign Face Area A	6 sq. ft. Max.			
Sign Total Height	3 ft. Max.			
Supports	Shall be mounted on base of same material as sign			
Illumination Types	Direct; indirect; shadow/halo			

(f) FREESTANDING HANGING SIGN				
				
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	1 Max. per curb cut.			
Height and Material	Sign face shall be hanging from wood or metal supports of 5 ft. Max.; sign face shall be wood or metal.			
Sign Face Area	8 sq. ft. Max.			
Illumination Types	Indirect			
Location	No less than 20 feet from the building entrance; 5 ft. Min. from R.O.W.			

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(g) PAINTED MURAL SIGN



STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Location and Size	On side façade only, and shall not be larger than 1/8 of the wall area			
Illumination Types	Indirect			

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(h) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS				
(Chose two of any different limited duration signs below at any given time)				
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2/M
PATIO UMBRELLA SIGN				
Location	Outdoor dining area and patio area only			
Logo Area	20% Max. of total umbrella area; every other panel blank			
Materials	Embroidered or imprinted on canvas or umbrella			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Duration	During business hours only – umbrellas shall be closed after business hours			
SANDWICH BOARD SIGN (1 permitted per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance)				
Sign Face Area (each of two sides)	6 sq. ft. Max.	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	
Location	Permitted where buildings are located on sidewalks only; must be located within 3 ft. of the main entrance			
Board Width	24 inches Max.			
Board Height	36 inches Max.			
Materials	Plastic not permitted			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Duration	During business hours only			
YARD SIGN – SMALL				
Count	1 Max. per lot or 1 Max. per tenant suite			
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.			
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.			
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Setback from R.O.W.	3 ft. Min.			
YARD SIGN – LARGE				
Count	1 Max. per lot; 2 Max. per common development.			
Total Area Per Sign	12 sq. ft. Max.			
Total Sign Height	6 ft. Max.			
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min.			
TEMPORARY BANNER SIGN				
Count	If attached to the building, then 1 per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance; if attached to a fence, wall or ground mounted, then one per property or up to two per common development			
Materials	Cloth or vinyl			
Total Area Per Sign	36 sq. ft. Max.			
Duration	14-day permit up to 6 times per year			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			

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Perimeter Center – Primary Sign Types

Sec. 20-26. Perimeter Center – Primary Sign Types

Within the Perimeter Center Overlay Districts, the sign types below are categorized as primary sign types or secondary sign types. Each property shall be permitted to choose from two primary sign types. Properties may also install the number of permitted secondary sign types as permitted for each sign type per the listed “count” within each table.

(a) MONUMENT SIGN	
	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Count	2 Max. per vehicular entrance up to 10 Max. per common development
Location	Street yard(s) only
Sign Face Area (per sign) A	36 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height B	6 ft. Max.
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone; metal; glass with raised or applied vinyl letters; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Base Materials	Brick; natural stone; stucco; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Base Height	1 ft. Min. / 3 ft. Max.
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo
Setback from R.O.W. C	10 ft. Min.
EMC	Maximum of 40% of total sign face area may be EMC on up to four total monument signs; EMC prohibited on all others

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(b) WALL SIGN



STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Count	<p>Single tenant building: Max. of number of building façades facing a street plus one. Limit of one sign per façade. <i>E.g., a corner building could have one wall sign on each street-facing façade and one wall sign on the rear façade facing the parking lot.</i></p> <p>Multi-tenant building: Max. of number of tenant suite façades facing a street plus one. Limit of one sign per tenant suite façade. <i>E.g., a tenant suite at the corner of a building could have one wall sign on each street-facing tenant suite façade and one wall sign on the rear tenant suite façade facing the parking lot.</i></p>
Sign Face Area A	<p>Single tenant building up to 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the façade the sign is placed onto or up to 120 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Single tenant building greater than 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the façade the sign is placed onto or up to 180 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Multi-tenant building up to 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the tenant suite façade area the sign is placed onto or up to 120 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Multi-tenant building greater than 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the tenant suite façade area the sign is placed onto or up to 180 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>High rise construction, buildings over 75 feet: For every 1 foot of building height, 1.5 square feet Max. of sign area per sign is permitted on the parapet to be located on the upper portion of the building, which will be considered the top 25% of the building's height. Two signs Max. shall be permitted on the two most prominent building elevations.</p>
Materials	<p>Mounted on a raceway; raised letters affixed directly on wall; supports and wiring components concealed from public view - routed push-through displays are permitted.</p>

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<p>Sign Location on Building</p>	<p>9 ft. Min. height above grade; 24 ft. Max. height above grade; except where there are upper floor tenant suites with exterior main pedestrian entrances in which case the lowest point of the sign shall not be higher than one foot above the highest point of the pedestrian entrance.</p>
<p>Location and Setbacks</p>	<p>Flush with wall not protruding more than 24 inches from wall on which it is affixed</p>

(c) AWNING AND CANOPY SIGN



CANOPY SIGN

<p>STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)</p>	<p>Perimeter Center</p>
<p>Count (per building)</p>	<p>One per building at main pedestrian entrance, or one per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.</p>
<p>Location</p>	<p>Affixed above canopy; front face of canopy</p>
<p>Sign Face / Lettering Area A</p>	<p>If one per building: 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of width of ground floor glazing over which the awning is located. If one building mounted sign per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance: 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of width tenant suite pedestrian entrance doors.</p>
<p>Illumination Types</p>	<p>Indirect; direct</p>

AWNING SIGN

<p>Count (per building)</p>	<p>One per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.</p>
<p>Sign Face Area (% of awning) A</p>	<p>50% valance area Max.; 25% sloping portion area Max.</p>
<p>Materials</p>	<p>Metal supports; cloth or vinyl face</p>
<p>Illumination Types</p>	<p>Indirect, direct</p>

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(d) PROJECTING SIGNS	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Count (per building)	One per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.
Sign Face Area	A 12 sq. ft. Max.
Location on Building	B 9 ft. Min. height above grade (lowest point of sign)
Extension beyond building façade	4 ft. Max.
Angle at façade (degrees)	90
Materials	Wood or metal sign face, metal fastening to structure
EMC	Not Permitted
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo

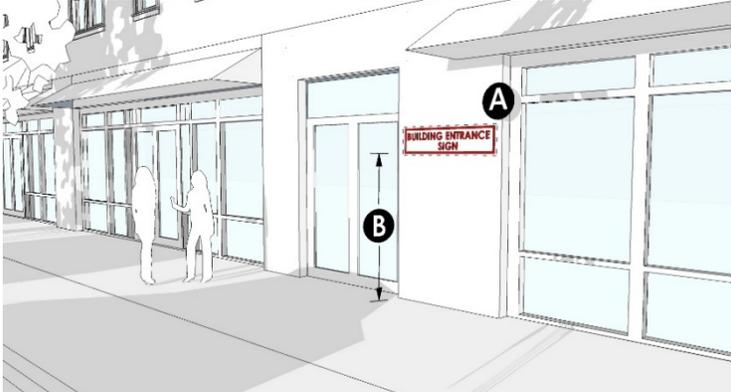
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Perimeter Center – Secondary Sign Types

Sec. 20-27. Perimeter Center – Secondary Sign Types

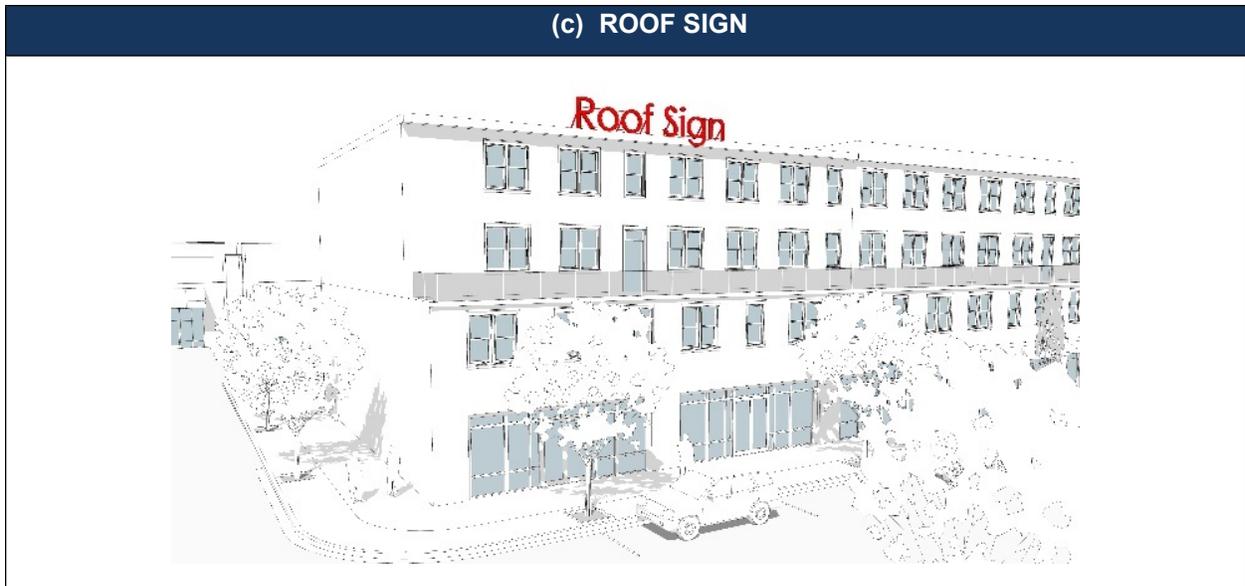
Within the Perimeter Center Overlay District, the sign types below are categorized as secondary sign types. Each property shall be permitted to choose from two secondary sign types. Properties may install the number of permitted secondary sign types as permitted for each sign type per the listed “count” within each table.

(a) PAINTED MURAL SIGN	
	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Location and Size	On side façade only, and shall not be larger than 1/8 of the wall area
Illumination Types	Indirect

(b) BUILDING ENTRANCE WALL SIGN	
	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Count	2 Max. per residential multi-unit building
Area A	4 sq. ft. Max.
Sign Location Above Grade	6 ft. Max.
Sign Face Materials B	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
EMC	Not Permitted
Illumination Type	Indirect; shadow/halo

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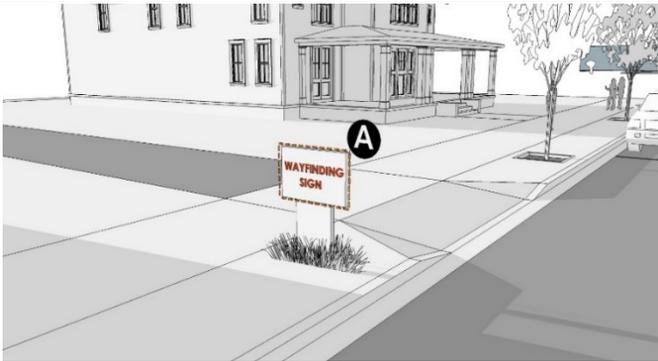
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STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)		Perimeter Center
Count		2 Max. per common development
Materials		Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Face Area	A	80 sq. ft. Max.
Supports		Any so long as not visible from ground view.
EMC		Not Permitted
Illumination Types		Indirect; Direct; Shadow/Halo
Setback (from edge of roof)		5 ft. Max.
Total Sign Height (above roof)		10 ft. Max. (highest point of sign)
Roof Types		Roof signs are not permitted on pitched roofs, hip roofs, or gambrel roofs.
Building Height		40 ft. Min.

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(d) WAYFINDING SIGN	
	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Count	2 Max. per curb cut and up to 2 per acre Max. internal to common development
Sign Face Area A	6 sq. ft. Max.
Supports	Shall be mounted on base of same material as sign
Illumination Types	direct; indirect; shadow/halo
EMC	50% of total sign face area may be EMC Max.
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.

(e) FREESTANDING HANGIGN SIGN	
	
STANDARDS	Perimeter Center
Count	1 Max. per curb cut
Height and Material	Sign face shall be hanging from wood or metal supports 5 ft. Max.; sign face shall be wood or metal.
Sign Face Area	8 sq. ft. Max.
Location	No less than 20 feet from the building entrance; 5 ft. Min. from R.O.W.
Illumination	Not Permitted

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(f) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS	
(Choose two of any different limited duration signs below at any given time)	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	PERIMETER CENTER
PATIO UMBRELLA SIGNS	
Location	Outdoor dining area of patio area only
Logo Area	Max. 20% of total umbrella area; every other panel blank
Materials	Embroidered or imprinted on canvas or umbrella
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Duration	During business hours only
YARD SIGN – SMALL	
Count	1 Max. per lot or 1 Max. per tenant suite
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal or wood face
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min.
YARD SIGN – LARGE	
Count	1 Max. per lot; 2 Max. per common development.
Total Area Per Sign	12 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height	6 ft. Max.
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min
TEMPORARY BANNER SIGN	
Count	If attached to the building, then 1 per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance; if attached to a fence, wall or ground mounted, then one per property or up to two per common development
Materials	Cloth or vinyl
Total Area Per Sign	36 sq. ft. Max.
Duration	14-day permit up to 6 times per year
SANDWICH BOARD SIGN (1 permitted per tenant suite)	
Location	Within 10 feet of primary entrance not blocking any clear path
Sign Face Area (each of two sign faces)	6 sq. ft. Max.
Board Width (inches)	24 inches Max.
Board Height	36 inches Max.
Materials	Plastic not permitted
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Duration (hours per day)	During business hours only

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Quasi-Public/Institutional Uses

Sec. 20-28. Quasi-Public/Institutional Uses

The following sign types below shall be permitted for properties containing a quasi-public/institutional use (as defined in Sec. 27-113) irrespective of whether the sign type is permitted in the applicable district. Where the provisions in this Sec. 20-28 conflict with any provisions in any district regulations elsewhere in the Code, the regulations in Sec. 20-28 shall govern and control. Each property shall be entitled to the following signs subject to the following standards:

(a) SIGNS SPECIFIC TO QUASI-PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL USES	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Any Quasi-Public/Institutional Use in any District
BUILDING ENTRANCE WALL SIGN	
Count	1 Max. per building entrance
Total Sign Area	4 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height	6 ft. Max. (lowest point of sign)
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
EMC	Not permitted
Illumination Types	Indirect; shadow/halo
MONUMENT SIGN	
Count	1 per vehicular entrance up to 2 Max.
Location	Street yard(s) only
Sign Face Area	36 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height	6 ft. Max.
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Base Materials	Brick; natural stone; stucco; synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Base Height	1 ft. min. / 3 ft. Max.
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo
Setback from R.O.W.	5 feet Min.
EMC	Permitted for educational services and places of worship only; maximum of 40% of total sign face area may be EMC; no manual changeable copy allowed if sign includes an EMC.
Manual Changeable Copy	Maximum of 40% of total sign face area may be manual changeable copy. No EMC allowed if sign includes manual changeable copy.

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WAYFINDING SIGN	
Count	2 Max. per curb cut and up to 2 per acre Max. internal to common development
Sign Face Area	6 sq. ft. Max.
Supports	Shall be mounted on base of same material as sign
Illumination Types	Direct; indirect; shadow/halo
EMC	Not Permitted
Total Sign Height	4 ft. Max.

(b) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Any Quasi-Public/Institutional Use in any District
YARD SIGN – SMALL	
Total Sign Count	5 Max.
Total Sign Area Per Lot	30 sq. ft. Max.
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Setback from R.O.W.	3 ft. Min.
TEMPORARY BANNER SIGN	
Count	1 Max. per lot
Materials	Cloth or vinyl
Total Area Per Sign	36 sq. ft. Max.
Duration	14-day permit up to 6 times per year
Illumination Types	Not Permitted

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Use and Maintenance of Nonconforming Signs

ARTICLE VI. - NONCONFORMITIES

Sec. 20-29. Use and Maintenance of Nonconforming Signs

Subject to the restrictions of this chapter, a nonconforming sign may be used, but not expanded or improved unless the sign is made conforming. All nonconforming signs shall be maintained in good condition and repair and may be subject to removal for violations of maintenance standards.

Sec. 20-30. Repair and Replacement of Nonconforming Signs; Exceptions

Minor repairs and maintenance of nonconforming signs shall be permitted. Structural repairs or changes in the size or shape of a nonconforming sign shall be permitted if the changes do not expand the nonconforming nature of the sign. A nonconforming sign shall not be replaced by another nonconforming sign. Under no circumstances shall this section be construed as to allow the addition or material change of changeable copy to a nonconforming sign (except for message substitution on an existing changeable copy sign). *Exceptions:* (i) the substitution or interchange of sign panels, painted boards, or dismountable material on nonconforming signs shall be permitted; (ii) the substitution or interchange of sign lighting types on nonconforming signs shall be permitted; (iii) the substitution, interchange, or replacement of sign base and/or surround materials on nonconforming signs shall be permitted; (iv) a nonconforming sign damaged or destroyed by act of God or by other circumstances beyond the control of the owner of the sign may be repaired or replaced.

Sec. 20-31. Relocation of Nonconforming Signs

A nonconforming sign may be relocated for the purposes of road or sidewalk construction, purchases of right-of-way, or other public works or transportation project initiated by the City or other public agency.

ARTICLE VII. - ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES SPECIFIC TO SIGNS

Sec. 20-32. Permitting

- a. For any sign requiring issuance of a sign permit under the provisions of this chapter, sign review shall be required prior to installation, relocation, renovation, expansion, construction, panel exchange or reconstruction of the sign. The sign application shall be submitted to the Community Development Director.
- b. Applications for sign permits required by this chapter shall be filed by the sign owner or the owner's agent with the director or his/her designee. The application shall describe and set forth the following:
 1. The street address of the property upon which the sign is to be located and a plat map of the property which bears an indication of the proposed location of the sign;
 2. The name(s) and address(es) of the owner(s) of the real property upon which the subject sign is to be located;
 3. Consent of the owner, or the owner's agent, granting permission for the placement or maintenance of the sign;
 4. Name, address, phone number and occupational tax certificate number of the sign contractor;

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5. The type of sign (as defined in this chapter) to be erected, the area of the sign, the height of the sign, the shape of the sign, how the sign is to be illuminated (if at all), all existing signs on the property and an explanation of how the sign is to be mounted or erected on a scaled drawing;
 6. The dimensions of the wall on which the sign is to be placed with appropriate drawings and photographs;
 7. The payment in full of the applicable application fee; and
 8. Application for ground signs shall include a site plan drawn to scale, including a closed boundary survey of the property, gross acreage, the proposed location of subject sign, location of all existing ground signs on the property, entrance driveways from public streets, streetrights-of-way, public or private easements, building locations, sidewalks, utilities, gross area of buildings and floor area occupied by subject owner or tenants.
 9. The director may require other such information required to determine the sign complies with the requirements of this chapter.
- c. The director shall develop such forms as may be necessary to facilitate the permit application process.
 - d. The applicant shall apply for all other permits or licenses required by city ordinances and state laws and regulations. No sign permit shall be valid unless other required permits or licenses have been issued by the authority responsible thereof.
 - e. Each application shall contain an agreement to indemnify and save and hold the city harmless from all damages, demands or expenses of every character which may in any manner be caused by the sign or sign structure. Each applicant shall present to the department, upon request, a certificate of liability insurance prior to the issuance of a sign permit.
 - f. The City shall process all sign permit applications within 30 days of the City's actual receipt of a complete application for a sign permit.
 1. The Community Development Director shall reject any application as incomplete that does not include all items required for a sign permit application as set forth under Sec. 20-32
 2. The Community Development Director shall reject any application containing any false material statements or omissions. Any rejected application later resubmitted shall be deemed to have been resubmitted on the date of resubmission instead of the original date of submission.
 - g. Within 30 days of receipt of a complete application, the Community Development Director shall:
 1. Issue the permit; or
 2. Inform the applicant, in writing, of denial of the permit, stating the reasons why the permit cannot be issued.
 - h. Upon determination that the application fully complies with the provisions of this chapter, the sign permit shall be issued.
 - i. If the City does not process an application for a sign permit within 30 days, then the application shall be considered approved.

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- j. Should it be determined that a sign permit was issued pursuant to an application containing a false material statement, that the sign was erected in violation of standards of this permit, or that the sign no longer meets maintenance and/or safety standards of this chapter, the Community Development Director shall revoke the sign permit and the sign shall be removed. Notice of revocation shall be provided by the Director in the same manner as the decision to issue or deny a permit. Any decision of the Director denying or revoking a permit shall be subject to appeal as provided by Sec. 20-37.
- k. No sign permit shall be issued until the appropriate application has been filed with the Community Development Director and fees have been paid per the fee schedule adopted by City Council.

Sec. 20-33. Master Sign Plan Required

Master sign plans shall provide for visual consistency for signage within the development based on at least three of the following factors: graphic depiction, color scheme, lettering style, lighting, and location of signs to be posted on buildings. A master sign plan shall be reviewed by the Community Development Director for compliance with these factors for all new common developments and in any existing development over 20 acres where total sign area is increasing, or any sign location is changing. Sign face changes shall not require the submission of a master sign plan. All master sign plans shall contain the following:

- a. A site plan showing the location of buildings, parking lots, driveways and landscaped areas, and the location, size, area and height of all proposed signs.
- b. Computation of the maximum total sign area allowed and requested, the maximum area allowed and requested for each individual sign, the conceptual approach proposed for window signage.
- c. A description of how the applicant will achieve visual consistency among all signs, which may be in narrative or graphic depiction, regarding color scheme, lettering or graphic style; lighting; location of each sign on the site and on buildings; material; and support structures.

Sec. 20-34. Master Sign Plan Modifications

- a. Minor modifications to an approved master sign plan shall be submitted in writing for review and decision by the Community Development Director when:
 - 1. The change does not increase the sign area of the subject property approved in the original master sign plan.
 - 2. The change maintains visual harmony with those elements specifically identified in the original master sign plan as integral to the design theme of the subject property (for example: location(s), color(s), material(s), or type(s)).
- b. The decision of the Community Development Director in approving or denying a master sign plan may be appealed as set forth herein below.
- c. Major modifications to an approved master sign plan shall be reviewed and decided by the zoning board of appeals.

Sec. 20-35. Variances

Variances from this sign code shall not be allowed.

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Emergency Sign Provisions for Temporary Signage

Sec. 20-36. Emergency Sign Provisions for Temporary Signage

In the instance that the federal, state, or City government declares a state of emergency, the Mayor and City Council may pass a temporary decree (for the duration of the state of emergency) which explicitly specifies relaxed regulations for temporary signage to permit better communication for the duration of the emergency.

Sec. 20-37. Appeals

- a. The procedures of this division apply to appeals of permit denials, revocations, and all other administrative orders and decisions.
- b. Any person or entity (i.e., an owner, applicant, adjoining neighbor, or a neighbor whose property is within 1,500 feet of the nearest property line aggrieved by an administrative decision) may appeal the decision.
- c. Decisions by the Community Development Director made pursuant to this division may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals by filing a request with the Community Development Director within 30 days of the Community Development Director's decision. Appeal shall be in accordance with procedures and conditions of this sign code. If no appeal is made within the 30-day period, the decision of the Community Development Director is final. If an appeal is made to the Zoning Board of Appeals, within 30 days of the appeal being requested, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall set a hearing date for the appeal and the decision of the ZBA is final. The appellant shall be given 10 days' notice of the hearing date. The 30-day appeal deadline may be waived by the Zoning Board of Appeals if the appellant can show evidence that the appeal was filed within 30 days of their actual or constructive notice of the decision.
- d. The filing of a complete notice of appeal stays all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed, unless the official whose decision is being appealed certifies to the Zoning Board of Appeals, after the appeal is filed that, because of facts stated in the certification, a stay would cause imminent peril to life or property. In such a case, proceedings may be stayed only by a restraining order granted by the superior court on notice to the official whose decision is being appealed and on due cause shown.
- e. Upon receipt of a complete application of appeal, the Community Development Director or other administrative official whose decision is being appealed shall transmit to the Zoning Board of Appeals all papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed is taken.
- f. Mailed notice of the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing shall be provided to the appellant at least 10 days before the date of the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing.
- g. Hearing and decision
 1. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall hold a hearing to consider all appeals of administrative decisions.
 2. Following the close of the hearing and consideration of all testimony, documentary evidence and matters of record, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall make a decision. The decision shall be made within a reasonable period of time but in no event more than 60 days from the date of

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- the close of the hearing. Final action on an appeal requires a simple majority vote of the Zoning Board of Appeals members present and voting.
3. In exercising its powers, the Zoning Board of Appeals may reserve or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed from. To that end the Zoning Board of Appeals has all the powers of the administrative official from whom the appeal was taken and may issue or direct the issuance of a permit provided all requirements imposed by all other applicable laws are met.
- h. An appeal shall be sustained only upon a finding by the Zoning Board of Appeals that the administrative official's action was based on an erroneous finding of a material fact or that the administrative official acted in an arbitrary manner.
- i. Appeals
1. Any person or entity authorized by Sec. 20-37b may seek review of such decision by petitioning the superior court for a writ of certiorari, setting forth the alleged errors. The petition shall be filed within 30 days of the date that the Zoning Board of Appeals renders its final decision.
 2. When a petition is for a writ of certiorari is filed, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be designated the respondent in certiorari and the city the defendant in certiorari. The secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals is authorized to acknowledge service of a copy of the petition and writ on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals, as respondent. Service upon the city as defendant shall be as provided by law.

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Violations and Penalties

Sec. 20-38. Violations and Penalties

The Community Development Director or his/her designee may issue a citation for violation of this chapter by any person, including if applicable, the owner, manager or tenant of the space upon which a sign is located, for a sign erected, altered, maintained, converted, or used in violation of this chapter or in violation of any other applicable ordinance, including, but not limited to, the building and electrical codes.

1. The Community Development Director and/or his/her designee shall have the same duties, authority, and obligations regarding access to private property and inspections, including the procurement of inspection warrants provided in Article VI of the City Zoning Ordinance with regard to the enforcement of this chapter.
2. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of an offense and upon conviction, shall be subject to the general penalty provided in this Code. Each sign installed, created, erected or maintained in violation of this chapter shall be considered a separate violation, and each day of a continued violation for each sign shall be considered a separate violation when applying the penalties authorized in Zoning Code Article VI, Division 3 – Enforcement and Penalties.
3. The City may seek affirmative equitable relief in a court of competent jurisdiction to cause the removal or repair of any sign in violation of this chapter or other City ordinances.
4. The Community Development Director or designee may remove any sign or structure illegally placed upon a public right-of-way without any notice and may dispose of said sign or structure. Such removal and disposal of illegally placed signs shall not preclude the prosecution of any person for illegally placing such signs in the public right-of-way.

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As a business owner within the Dunwoody Village Overlay District, it is time for the proposed code to allow channel letters on wall and canopy signs.

The only allowed type of lighting, direct lighting and backlit signs do not provide the visibility required by small businesses in the current competitive business environment. And, inasmuch as there are countless non-conforming signs and grandfathered signs with channel lettering within the overlay district, it puts new businesses at a competitive disadvantage, which is the wrong message the City should be conveying to prospective businesses.

Thank you.

Jerry Benda
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I could not tell the zone in which the library was located. The sign installed presumably by the city is inadequate. Does the arts center have a library? Is the library a separate institution? The sign is not clear. The buildings may be connected with a hallway but there are separate entities located at the intersection. Nan Green

From: [REDACTED]
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Dear Paul,

I hope you are doing well. I'm working with my church (Kingswood) to refurbish some of our exterior signs and we are excited to see the new sign code that is currently being drafted. We had a few questions we wanted to submit, please see below:

1. As a place of worship would we be considered a "Quasi-public / Institutional" Use?
2. Do we need to rezone our building to be able to keep or update the signs we currently have?
3. Page 47, sec. 20-42: "Building Entrance Sign" we are seeking clarification, as that is not one of the named types. Is this a "Building Entrance **Wall** Sign"?
4. Page 47, sec. 20-42: "Building Entrance Sign" height limit is quite restrictive. For practical purposes, 6 ft. height prevents signs over a door on a wall face, only adjacent. Recommend increasing the height to 12 -15 ft. or allowing exceptions based on unique circumstances where a building or campus has multiple building entrances. I'd like to be able to talk through our unique circumstance with the appropriate parties at the city if possible.
5. In Quasi-public/institutional use, consider allowing more flexibility in use of Wall Signs/Roof Signs/Canopy or Awning Signs generally in areas not visible from street (we have several on our property, which again we would like the opportunity to talk through our unique circumstances to see what would be permissible).
6. We seek clarification that wayfinding signs at curb cuts may be placed in right-of-way.
7. Consider allowing non-changing Electronic Message Centers with static images within 150 feet of signalized intersection, such as e-ink.

We currently have several signs that were built over 20 years ago and it would be most beneficial to us if we could talk with someone at the city about what may or may not be permissible with the refresh / refurbishment we are planning, and what avenues we may have to keep our signs generally in the size and configuration that we currently have. Please let me know who would be the right individual to speak with at the city.

thanks very much for your time and consideration.

best regards,
Paul McKeever, AIA LEED AP

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Paul Leonhardt](#)
Cc: [Richard McLeod](#)
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Paul,

Your timing is good. I just completed my review over the weekend. Here are my comments...

Sec. 20-26, page 10, Exempt signs, Number 7. I still don't understand why LED string lights are excluded. String lights are string lights and LEDs use less electricity than other technologies.

Sec. 20-34, page 17, EMC signs. I would allow a larger EMC area. Rather than limiting it to 40 percent, I would allow 50 or 60 percent.

Sec. 20-37, page 21, Residential signs, I would suggest entrance wall banners be changed from "4 months total per year" to "for up to two months, up to twice per year." We really don't want the same graduation banner hanging out for four months.

Sec. 20-38 page 29, Limited Duration Signs, Small yard signs. The limit is 5. That is too many and would create a great deal of visual clutter. I would limit to 3 or specify that they can have no more than 2 out at any one time.

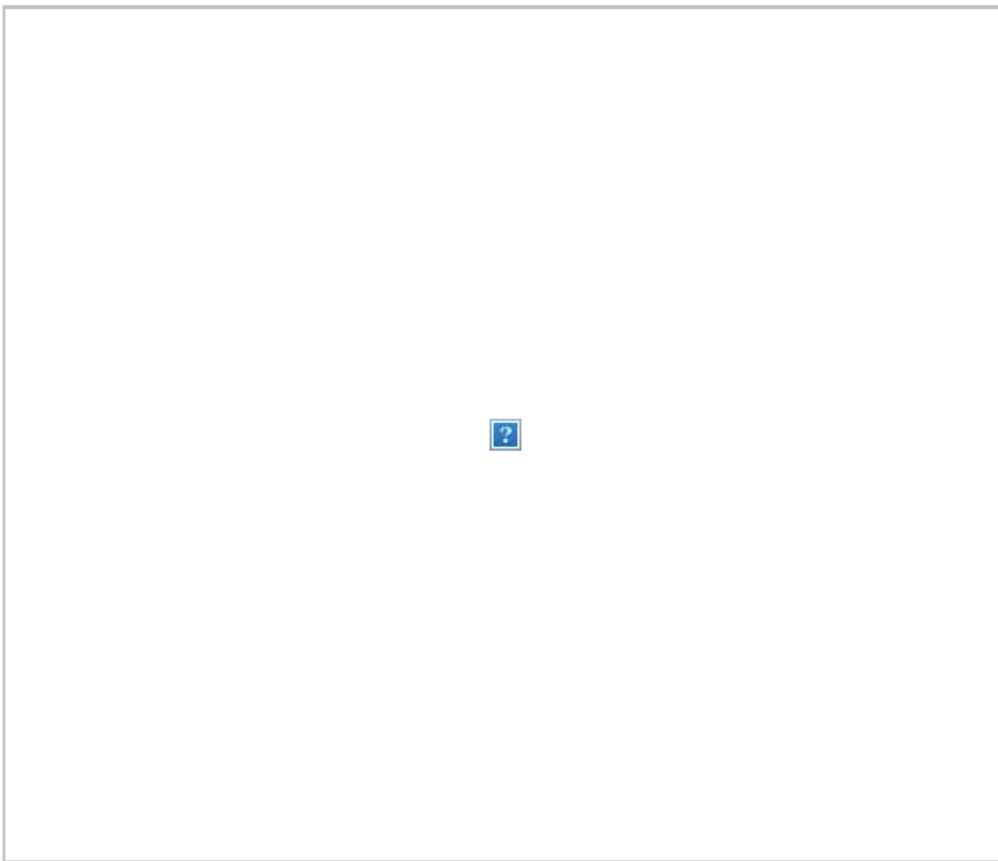
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Sec. 20-21 page 46, Limited Duration Signs, Small yard signs. The limit is 5. That is too many and would create a great deal of visual clutter. I would limit to 3 or specify that they can have no more than 2 out at any one time.

Sec. 20-39 pages 30, 31, Direct lighting should be removed from illumination types on single panel and multi-panel monument signs.

Sec. 20-39, page 35, Direct lighting should be removed from illumination types on wayfinding signs.

Sec. 20-39, page 35, The arrow points the wrong way. (It is a bad cut and paste.) What you all didn't change, which I was trying to point out, was the need to outline the entire area that counted towards the 40 percent limit.



Finally, Sec. 20-46, page 50, Administrative procedures. You have outlined what they have to submit, but it looks like you left out need for the city to issue a permit. Perhaps it is implied, but I think it should be stated that every sign application requires a permit.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Wittenstein

From: Paul Leonhardt <Paul.Leonhardt@dunwoodyga.gov>

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Dear Steering Committee members,

First, thank you for your volunteered and hard work over the past months on getting the sign code set up. We are having our initial public hearing at the Planning Commission come up in two weeks, and we would like to invite you to do another review of the most current draft version. This one

incorporates the input of the last steering committee session and of a round of staff review.

Because this is a large undertaking for the City, we would greatly appreciate your feedback once more. Please email me any comments you have. If there are any questions, please also just reach out via email or phone.

With best regards,
Paul Leonhardt



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Hi Paul,

Please find attached my sign architect's comments to the version of the proposed ordinance that you forwarded on March 29th. I believe these are very constructive comments and hope they assist in forming the end result guidelines. Please let me know if you have any questions and also please confirm via return e mail that you have received this e mail. Thanks very much.

Regards,

Steve Cooper
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Hi Steve,

That would be great!

Best, Paul

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Hi Paul,

If I can get a response back to you by end of day on Friday, April 9th, is that sufficient time? My sign architect is backed up and it could take him until then to get comments back. Please let me know.
Thanks.

Regards,

Steve Cooper
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Hi Steve,

In two weeks would be great. Then we can incorporate your comments with any changes that come from the Planning Commission and the public input.

Best, Paul

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Hi Paul,

Please advise how long we have to review and get any final comments back to you. Thank you.

Regards,

Steve Cooper
Vice President/Asset Manager
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ARTICLE I. - INTRODUCTION AND HOW TO USE THIS SIGN CODE

Sec. 20-1. Purpose and Intent

- (1) The City Council finds that signs provide an important medium through which persons may convey a variety of noncommercial and commercial messages. However, left completely unregulated, the number, size, design characteristics, and locations of signs in the City can become a threat to public safety as a traffic hazard, a detriment to property values and to the City's general public welfare, as well as create an aesthetic nuisance. The City further finds that signs have become excessive, and that many signs are distracting and dangerous to motorists and pedestrians, and substantially detract from the beauty and appearance of the City. The City finds that there is a substantial need directly related to the public health, safety, and welfare to comprehensively address these concerns through the adoption of the following regulations.
- (2) The City further finds that there is a substantial difference between signs erected by public authority and signs erected by private citizens or businesses. Signs erected by public authority are virtually all erected for the purpose of maintaining the public safety either through direct control of traffic or through provision of such type signage as street signs which enable the traveling public to know where they are located and to find where they are going. As such, with the exception of signs identifying government buildings, virtually all government signs are erected purely for public safety purposes. Moreover, their use in the public right-of-way is necessary to ensure their visibility to the motoring public. The Mayor and Council finds that public utility signs are frequently of the same nature as those signs erected by governmental entities in that they provide necessary information to safeguard the public from downed power lines and from street excavations. Even where signs serve a propriety purpose, such as identifying markings on utility poles, public utility signs are marked primarily for the purpose of benefiting the public generally through identification of locations where there may be temporary losses of power.
- (3) The City finds that some signage has a single targeted function and that identification of such signs by description is impossible without referring to its function. For instance, address numerals are used for the sole purpose of locating addresses, which is of benefit to those persons looking for those addresses and is essential to public safety personnel responding to emergencies. Signs at the entrances to common developments favor a similar purpose in enabling both the traveling public and emergency personnel to quickly locate entrances for the purpose of either visitation or responding to emergency calls or where the State authorizes the department of agriculture to regulate the display of retail fuel station pricing and for the best interest of the public to advertise said prices. While such signage is referenced based upon the function it serves within the context of this chapter, the provisions of this chapter are unrelated to the content of speech provided and allow maximum expressive potential to sign owners.
- (4) The purpose and intent of the governing authority of the City in enacting this chapter are as follows:
 - a. To protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Dunwoody, and to implement the policies and objectives of the comprehensive plan of the City through the enactment of a comprehensive set of regulations governing signs in the City;
 - b. To regulate the erection and placement of signs in order to provide safe operating conditions for pedestrian and vehicular traffic without unnecessary and unsafe distractions to drivers or pedestrians;

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- c. To preserve the value of property on which signs are located and from which signs may be viewed;
- d. To maintain an aesthetically attractive City in which signs are compatible with the use patterns of established zoning districts;
- e. To maintain for the City's residents, workers and visitors a safe and aesthetically attractive environment and to advance the aesthetic interest of the City;
- f. To establish comprehensive sign regulations that effectively balance legitimate business and development needs with a safe and aesthetically attractive environment for residents, workers, and visitors;
- g. To provide fair and reasonable opportunities for businesses which are located within the City, and to provide for the identification of the availability of products, goods or services so as to promote the economic vitality of businesses;
- h. To ensure the protection of free speech rights under the State of Georgia and United States Constitutions;
- i. To establish a permit system to allow specific types of signs in zoning districts consistent with the uses, intent and aesthetic characteristics of those districts;
- j. To allow certain signs that are small, safe, unobtrusive on lots, subject to the substantive requirements of this chapter but without a requirement for permits;
- k. To provide for temporary signs in limited circumstances;
- l. To place reasonable controls on nonconforming signs that are by definition contrary to the public health, safety and welfare while protecting the constitutional rights of the owners of said nonconforming signs; and
- m. To provide for the maintenance of signs, and to provide for the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 20-2. Applicability

The provisions of this article shall apply to all signs erected within the corporate limits of the City that are directed to be viewed from the outdoors. All erection, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, moving, altering, or converting of signs in the City shall be performed in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 20-3. Defined Terms

In addition to the sign types defined below in this chapter, the following terms used in this chapter are defined as follows:

- (1) **Abandoned or Dilapidated Sign:** Any sign that contains or exhibits broken panels, visible rust, visible rot, damaged support structures, holes on or in the sign structure, broken, missing, loose or bent parts, faded or flaking paint, non-operative or partially non-operative illumination or mechanical devices or which is otherwise dilapidated, unsightly, unkempt, or which is located on a property or business without an occupational tax certificate.

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- (2) **Animated Sign:** Area of a sign/sign area shall mean the area upon which a message is displayed on any sign consisting of the smallest square, rectangle, triangle, or circle, which encompasses the entire sign message, and excluding the base, apron, supports, border, trim and other structural members. For double-faced signs, the side of the sign with the largest sign area shall be used in computing the sign area.
- (3) **Banner:** A sign with or without characters, letters, illustrations, or ornamentations applied to flexible material.
- (4) **Boulevard Panel Sign:** A ground mounted monument sign that is wider than it is high and is located in the median of an entrance boulevard to a development.
- (5) **Common Development:** A parcel or combination of parcels which share a common development plan, or that are dependent upon one another for access, parking, or utilities.
- (6) **Directional Sign:** A permanent representation which located near the entrance of a common development, which shows the location or address of the unit designations within the common development.
- (7) **Door Sign:** A small, impermanent sign no greater than 3 square feet erected on a door for communication purposes.
- (8) **Electronic Message Center (EMC):** An electrically activated changeable copy sign having variable message and/or graphic presentation capability that can be electronically programmed by computer or handheld device from a remote location.
- (9) **Gasoline Station Pump-Island Sign:** A sign located under a canopy and on top of the pump islands of a service station or convenience store with gas pumps.
- (10) **Main Entrance:** When a property has one or multiple entrances, it is the entrance facing a street that is most frequently used for pedestrian access into and out of the building.
- (11) **Major Frontage:** In the instance that a property has frontages on two streets, the lot located in front of the building's main pedestrian entrance.
- (12) **Minor Frontage:** In the instance that a property has frontages on two streets, the lot located in front of the building's main pedestrian entrance shall be considered the major light frontage while the other street facing lot shall be considered the minor frontage.
- (13) **Parapet:** A low wall or protective barrier that extends vertically above the roof or uppermost floor of a building or other structure.
- (14) **Pole Sign:** A permanent sign that is mounted on a freestanding pole or other support that is placed on, or anchored in, the ground and that is independent from any building or other structure. Pole signs are prohibited.
- (15) **Portable Sign:** Any sign not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure; or sign designed to be transported, including, but not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of wheels; balloons used as signs; and signs attached to or painted on vehicles while visible from the public right-of-way, except as provided herein. For the purposes of this chapter, sandwich board signs, banners and pole banners as prescribed herein are not considered portable signs. Portable signs are prohibited, except as allowed by section 20-51(15).
- (16) **Primary Vehicle Entrance:** The entrance that provides access to the property from a street to the main entrance of the primary use on the property.
- (17) **Side Façade:** The elevations of a building that are located between the front elevation and the rear elevation.
- (18) **Sign.** A device, fixture, placard, structure or representation that uses any color, form, graphic, illumination, symbol or writing for visual communication which is used for the purpose of bringing the

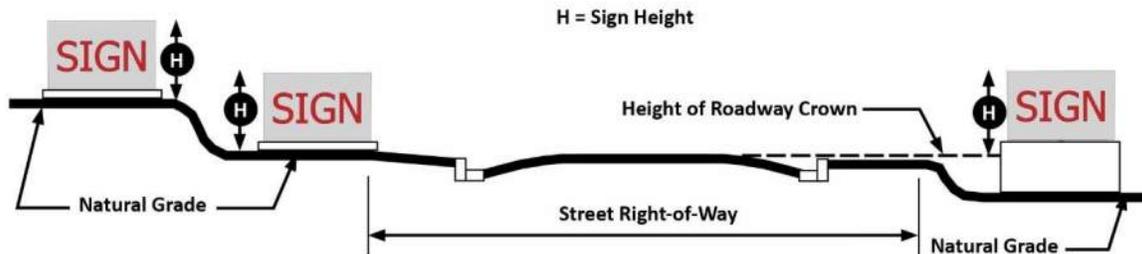
subject thereof to the attention of others and is directed to be viewed from any outdoor space. For purposes of this chapter, the term "sign" shall include the structure upon which a sign face is located. Flags and banners shall be included within this definition only as provided elsewhere herein.

- (19) **Standard Informational Sign:** A sign with a sign face made for short term use, containing no reflecting elements, flags, or attachments that are not rectangular in proportion and which is mounted on a post, stake or metal frame with a thickness or diameter not greater than three and one-half inches, and which is no greater than nine square feet in area. Banners and directional signs are not included in the definition of a standard informational signs. Banners are considered temporary signs. Standard informational signs are further regulated by section 20-60.
- (20) **Temporary Sign:** Any sign, banner, pennant, or advertising display intended to be displayed for a limited time period that is easily removed signs attached to windows are considered temporary signs.

Sec. 20-4 How to Measure Sign Dimensions

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(1) Sign Height Measurement



- a. The height of a sign shall be measured from the natural grade or the height of the roadway crown of the adjacent street which the sign faces, whichever is higher, to the highest point of the sign structure, including the bracket, supports, and any sign face surrounds.

(2) Sign Area Measurement

- a. For signs on a background, the entire area of the framework or background of the sign is calculated as the sign area, including any material or color forming the sign face or background used to differentiate the sign from the sign structure against which it is placed.
- b. For signs consisting of freestanding letters or features attached to a wall, the sign area is calculated as the total area of each individual letter or feature. Sign area does not include any supporting framework or bracing unless such framework or bracing is part of the message or sign face.



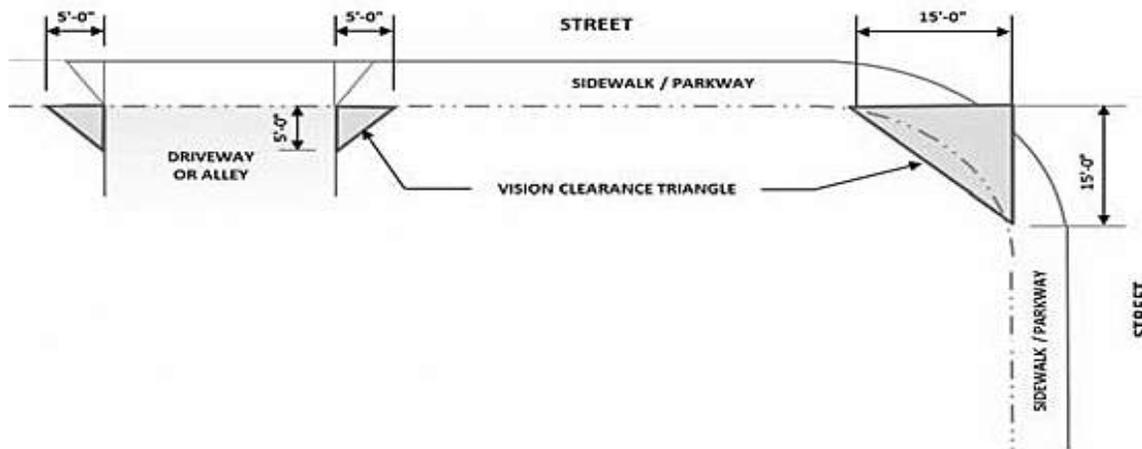
- c. When two sign faces are placed back-to-back, so that both faces cannot be viewed from any one point at the same time and part of the same sign structure and are not more than 24 inches apart, the sign area shall be computed by the measurement of one of the faces.

Sec. 20-5. Sign Location

- (1) Signs shall not be situated so that they interfere with the movement or visibility for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, or in any way obstructs views of traffic signals and other traffic devices.
- (2) Signs and their supporting structures shall not interfere with public utility equipment or communication lines/equipment that are either above or below the grade.

Sec. 20-6 Landscaping Requirement

(3) Signs shall not be located within the vision triangle. The vision triangle is an area of unobstructed sight distance for the traveling public at the intersection of two streets formed by measuring 15 feet from the edge of the curb of the two intersecting streets, then connecting the two points with a straight line forming the hypotenuse, or at the intersection of a driveway and a street or alley formed by measuring 5 feet from the back of the sidewalk, if applicable, or 10 feet from the edge of the curb (or edge of the street pavement if no curb), then connecting the two points with a straight line forming the hypotenuse. (See diagram below).



Sec. 20-6. Landscaping Requirement

Except where otherwise provided by the district regulations, an area around the base of each ground-mounted sign equal to the sign face area must be landscaped to improve the overall appearance of the sign and to reduce the risk of vehicles colliding with the sign or its supports. Landscaping must include natural vegetation and may include other materials and components such as brick or concrete bases or planter boxes.

Sec. 20-7. Owner’s Consent Required

No sign may be permitted or posted on property without the consent of the property’s owner or authorized agent. Should it be determined that a sign was erected on a lot pursuant to an alleged agent’s incorrect representation that the record owner of the lot in fact gave permission for the erection of a sign, or otherwise in violation of the requirement in this Section 20-7, the permit for such sign shall be revoked as set forth in Article VI of this Code.

Sec. 20-8. Sign Maintenance

All signs shall be maintained in safe and good structural condition, in compliance with all applicable building and electrical codes, and in conformance with this chapter at all times. Such maintenance includes replacement of all defective bulbs, parts, materials, painting, repainting, cleaning, and other acts required for maintenance of erected signs. If any sign does not comply with the above maintenance and repair standards, the City shall require its removal.

Sec. 20-9 Building Code Compliance

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To the extent that it is not inconsistent with this chapter, the present edition of the Standard Building Code, National Electric Code and other building and construction codes as adopted and modified by the City and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs are incorporated as a part of this chapter as if fully restated herein for the same purposes stated in section 20-1 hereof and for the same purposes for which the International Building Code was promulgated and enacted, which purposes are expressly incorporated herein.

Sec. 20-10. Removal of Unsafe, Unlawful, or Abandoned Signs

- (1) Upon written notice by the City, the owner, person, or firm maintaining a sign shall remove the sign when it becomes unsafe, is in danger of falling, or it is determined by the City to be a nuisance, or it is deemed unsafe by the City or it is unlawfully erected in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter.
- (2) The City may remove or cause to be removed the sign at the expense of the owner and/ or lessee in the event of the owner of the person or firm maintaining the sign has not complied with the terms of the notice within 30 days of the date of the notice. In the event of immediate danger, the City may remove the sign immediately upon the issuance of notice to the owner, person, or firm maintaining the sign.

Sec. 20-11. Permits

Except for those signs set forth herein which may be erected without obtaining a permit, every person desiring to erect a sign shall first obtain a sign permit and all other permits required for the desired structure in accordance with City ordinances.

Sec. 20-12. Sign Contractor's License and Insurance

To erect a sign, a Contractor must provide documentation in the form of occupational tax certificate and certificate of insurance. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of erecting or maintaining signs within the City unless and until such entity shall have obtained an occupation tax certificate in the state and a certificate of insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the state evidencing that the entity has in effect public liability and property damage insurance in the sum of \$25,000.00 for property damage for any one claim, and public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$100,000.00 for injuries, including accidental death to one person. The certificate of insurance shall state that the insurance carrier shall notify the City not less than 30 days in advance of any termination and/or restriction of the coverage, including nonrenewal, cancellation, and nonpayment of any premium. If the business has comparable insurance from another city or county in Georgia, the installer's insurance provider shall provide a current certificate of insurance to the City, prior to the installation of signage.

Sec. 20-13. Non-Commercial Messages

Any sign provided for in any zoning district may contain non-commercial messages. In addition, during a political election, between the date of qualification and final determination on each ballot issue or candidate, each residentially zoned lot may display an unlimited number of yard signs as defined herein. Signs shall not be placed in the right-of-way, and permission from the property owner must be obtained.

Sec. 20-14 Signage in Planned Development (PD) Districts

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For signage proposed as part of a Planned Development (PD) district, an applicant may either (1) submit a signage plan showing all proposed signs in the planned development for approval as part of the PD approval process set forth in Section 27-87, or (2) submit any proposed signs for review and approval by the community development director, and the community development director shall review the signs in accordance with the standards set forth herein for the zoning classification that would, in their discretion, most closely align with that of the uses associated with the sign(s) proposed in the PD.

ARTICLE II. - PROHIBITED AND EXEMPT SIGNS**Sec. 20-15. Prohibited Signs**

Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, the following signs are prohibited within the City:

- (1) Dilapidated signs or signs (including sign structures).
- (2) Animated signs, including balloons, streamers, air or gas filled figures, signs that move mechanically as a result of human activity.
- (3) Beacon sign/search light.
- (4) Electronic message, changeable copy signs, and electronic signs including LCD and LED signs and similar type technologies. *Exception:* As expressly permitted in Sec. 20-34 herein.
- (5) LED strip and rope lighting on the exterior of any building, in any window, or otherwise visible from the outside of a building.
- (6) Multi-faced signs (more than two sides) and tri-vision signs.
- (7) Neon (or LED tube or rope lighting resembling neon) window signs larger than 3 square feet in total area.
- (8) Pole signs and pylon signs.
- (9) Portable signs. *Exception:* Signs mounted, wrapped or painted on a moving vehicle are permitted so long as the vehicle is currently being utilized for a properly licensed business and, whenever parked and not utilized for said business, is parked at a designated service/loading and unloading area or at the furthest-available parking space from a right-of-way. Alternatively, such a vehicle may be parked behind the business to which it relates if to do so minimizes the view of the portable sign by the public.
- (10) Signs on public rights-of-way other than publicly owned or maintained signs and signs pertaining to railroad crossings.
- (11) Signs that contain words, pictures, or statements which are obscene, as defined by O.C.G.A. § 16-12-80, as amended.
- (12) Signs that visually simulate an official traffic control device, warning sign, or regulatory sign or which hide from view any traffic control device, signal, or public service sign.
- (13) Signs that emit or utilize in any manner any sound capable of being detected on any traveled road or highway by a person with normal hearing abilities.
- (14) Signs that interfere with road or highway visibility or obstruct or otherwise interfere with the safe and orderly movement of traffic or which otherwise pose a hazard to traffic due to structural deficiencies in the structure of such signs.
- (15) Signs erected by nailing, fastening, or affixing the sign in any manner to any tree, curb, utility pole, natural feature, fence, street sign, or other structure other than wall signs as permitted herein.
- (16) Signs attached to a fire escape or that obstruct any fire escape, any means of egress or ventilation or shall prevent free passage from one part of a roof to any other part thereof.
- (17) Signs that do not conform to City or State building and electrical codes.

Sec. 20-16 Exempt signs

- (18) Signs that are in violation of the rules and regulations of any zoning district or zoning overlay district.
- (19) Any sign that is structurally unsound or is a hazard to traffic or pedestrians.
- (20) Any sign that changes color(s), flashes, blinks, oscillates, or intimates movement through lighting effect(s).

Sec. 20-16. Exempt signs

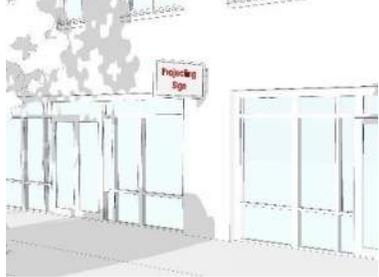
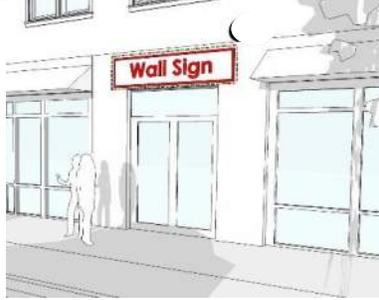
Other than the following exempt signs, all signs require a permit in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. While exempt signs do not require a permit, they are not exempt from any applicable standards of this chapter and shall be subject to all applicable regulations herein:

- (1) Window signs if less than 30 percent of the total area of window glazing.
- (2) Door signs if less than 3 square feet in total area and not more than one sign per door.
- (3) Yard Signs – Small. *See applicable regulations herein.*
- (4) Address placards erected for the sole purpose of displaying street numbers as may be required by other ordinances and other signs required by law.
- (5) Flags of any fabric or bunting containing colors, patterns, or symbols; attached to a flagpole as a freestanding structure, or a structure attached to a building or to the roof of a building, on a parcel of record and used for the sole purpose of displaying flags, the height of which shall be measured from the average grade.
- (6) Non-governmental traffic control and directional devices located entirely on private property and are consistent with those found in the manual of uniform traffic control devices in or adjacent to parking areas, and driveways and warning signs located at railroad crossings.
- (7) Non-LED string lights used in outdoor spaces so long as they are not an animated sign.
- (8) Government mandated signs in compliance with the manual of uniform traffic control devices that comply with the requirements of state law for such signs placed or required to be placed by a government entity.
- (9) Menu signs/ordering kiosks placed adjacent to a commercial drive thru, with a maximum of four such signs per property, so long as any ground-mounted menu sign does not exceed 18 square feet and any wall-mounted menu-sign does not exceed nine square feet, as well as drive-thru menu sign accessory panel exchanges.
- (10) Sandwich boards. *See applicable regulations herein.*

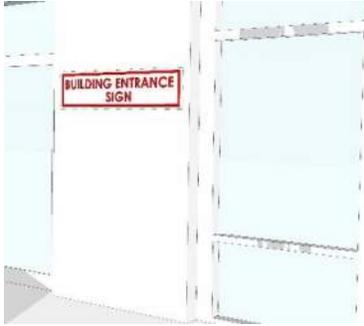
ARTICLE III. - SIGN TYPES

The following general sign types are allowed on private property within the City according to the standards and subject to all requirements set forth herein: (a) Building Mounted Signs; (b) Ground Mounted Signs; (c) Window Signs; and (d) Limited Duration Signs. Signs related to events in public places are governed by Dunwoody Code Sec. 26-279 – Pole Banners. Sign subtypes are defined and illustrated within each general sign type below. Sign lighting types are also defined and illustrated below the sign type tables.

Sec. 20-17. Building Mounted Signs

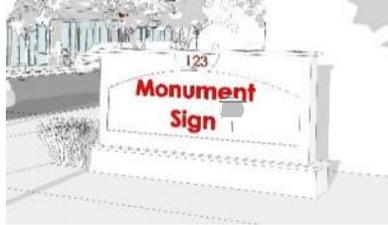
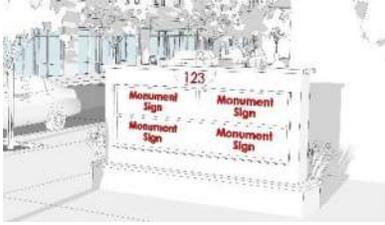
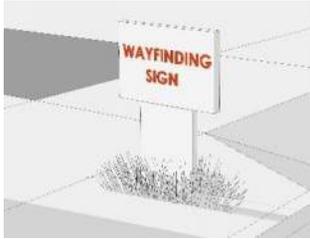
Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
<p>Projecting/ Blade Signs</p>	<p>Any sign which projects outward from a building or other structure and extends more than 24 inches horizontally from the plane of the building wall. The signage area must not be parallel to the building.</p>	
<p>Wall Signs</p>	<p>Any sign attached parallel/flat to a wall, painted on the wall surface, or erected and confined within the limits of an outside wall of any building or structure, which is supported by such wall or building, and which displays only one sign surface.</p>	
<p>Awning Signs</p>	<p>Any sign painted on, or applied to, an awning. Lettering, logos, or symbols are permitted on the valance and sloping portion.</p>	

Sec. 20-17 Building Mounted Signs

Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
Canopy Signs	Any sign that is part of or attached to a canopy.	
Painted Wall Mural Signs	A large picture/image (including but not limited to painted art) which is painted, constructed, or affixed directly onto a vertical building wall, which may or may not contain text, logos, and/or symbols.	
Building Entrance Wall Signs	A sign that is located on a wall immediately adjacent to the entrance of a building.	
Roof Signs	A sign attached to or supported by the roof of a building, or a sign that extends into and/or above the immediately adjacent roof line of the building irrespective of attachment point, or a sign that wholly or partially encroaches upon any roof line of a building, or a sign attached to, encroaching into or extending above the sloping phase of a mansard roof or faux mansard roof, or any combination thereof.	

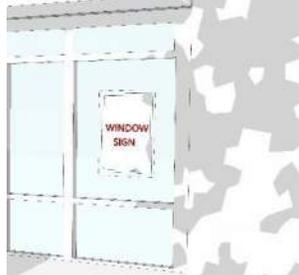
Sec. 20-18 Ground Mounted Signs

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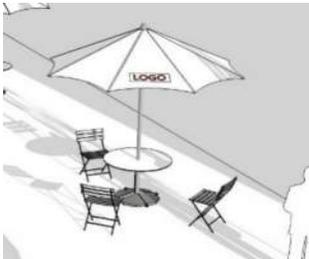
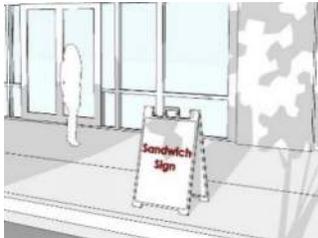
Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
Single-Panel Monument Signs	A monument sign which contains only one distinct signage area within the sign face.	
Multi-Panel Monument Signs	A monument sign which contains multiple distinct signage areas within the same sign face.	
Residential Monument Sign	A monument sign permitted in residential areas which contains only one distinct signage area within the sign face for the purpose of identifying the entrance of a residential common development from a street.	
Wayfinding Signs	Signs that direct traffic or pedestrians towards a point of interest that are visible from a public right-of-way.	
Freestanding Hanging Signs	A sign which is not attached to a building and which hangs from a support structure attached to a supporting structure attached to the ground.	

Sec. 20-19 Window Signs

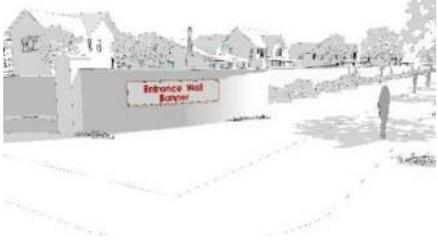
Sec. 20-19. Window Signs

Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
Window Sign	Any sign that is placed on, in or intrudes over a window opening or upon the panes of glass, either inside or outside the building, and is oriented to be viewed from the exterior of the structure. Customary displays of merchandise behind a store window are not considered window signs. Any sign within 24 inches of the inside surface of a window and facing the outside will count toward the allotment of total permitted window signage.	

Sec. 20-20. Limited Duration Signs

Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
Banner Signs	A non-permanent sign that may be erected for a new business for 60 days prior to the installation of a permanent sign.	
Patio Umbrella Signs	Any lettering or symbol that is printed, painted, or affixed to a table or patio umbrella.	
Sandwich Board Signs	A single or double-faced, hinged or un-hinged, temporary sign designed to be used on a sidewalk or pedestrian way.	

Sec. 20-20 Limited Duration Signs

Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
Yard Signs	A type of non-permanent, sign that is located on private property that can be displayed for a limited duration of time.	
Entrance Wall Banner	An impermanent sign erected at the entrance to a residential common development which may be affixed to a common development wall sign or may be freestanding. These signs may not be erected at the entrances to individual residences.	

Sec. 20-1. Gasoline Station Pump-Island Signs

In addition to the sign types otherwise allowed in this chapter, gasoline and service stations with pump islands may have signage located under a canopy and on top of the pump islands of a service station or convenience store with gas pumps, subject to the following limitations:

- (1) Within the limits of the canopy covering the pump islands, one sign per canopy face per public street frontages with a maximum of 6 square feet each.
- (2) Within the limits of the canopy covering the pump islands, pump-island signs shall be limited to no more than two signs per island, not to exceed 4 square feet per sign; provided, however, total square footage of all pump island signs shall not exceed 24 square feet.
- (3) If a separate accessory drive-through car wash building is located on site, one additional wall sign, not to exceed 5 square feet per sign, may be permitted. In addition, one menu sign/ordering kiosk is permitted.
- (4) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in accordance with state law, changeable copy signs are allowable when accessory to a service station as follows: fuel pricing information shall be a fixed, non-intermittent, static message with no wipes, fades, flashes or similar effects; LED, LCD, and/or electronic lighting is permissible for fuel pricing only.

Sec. 20-2. Address Placards

When address numerals in residential districts are located on a placard, the placard shall be no larger than 3 square feet.

Sec. 20-21 Flags and Flag Poles

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- (1) A property shall not have more than four flag poles. *Exception:* Flag poles located on properties used for a quasi-public/institutional use.
- (2) All flags shall be displayed on a flagpole or according to recognized flag etiquette. In non-residential districts, flagpoles shall not exceed the maximum building height applicable for the zoning district, or 60 feet, whichever is less. Flagpoles in residential districts shall not exceed the lesser of 25 feet in height or the height of the primary structure on the lot.
- (3) The maximum dimensions of any flag shall be proportional to the flagpole height as set forth in the following table. The hoist side of the flag shall not exceed 20 percent of the vertical height of the flagpole when ground mounted.

Pole Height (Max.) (ft.)	Flag Size (Max.) (ft.)
Up to 25	24
25—39	40
40—49	60
50—60	96

Sec. 20-22. Electronic Message Center (EMC) and Manual Changeable Copy

- (1) Electronic message centers shall be permitted as a component of gasoline station signage, quasi-public/institutional uses, and in the Perimeter Center in accordance with the following standards:

- a. No sign containing an electronic message center shall be located within 125 feet of any signalized intersection as measured from the point where the existing right-of-way lines of the intersecting streets meet. In a case where a rounded or cut property corner exists, this measurement shall be taken from the point of the intersection of the existing rights-of-way lines, as extended. The distance shall be measured along the right-of-way line from the point of intersection. (See graphic illustration above.)



- b. Any electronic message center that is located within 300 feet of any residential use must automatically turn off between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. daily.
- c. An electronic message sequence must be accomplished by means of fading or dissolving but shall not scroll or travel. A transition sequence must be completed in no less than 8 seconds.

Sec. 20-22 Electronic Message Center (EMC) and Manual Changeable Copy

- d. No portion of any sign may change its message or background in a manner or by a method of display characterized by motion, other than fading or dissolving, or pictorial imagery or depicts action or a special effect to imitate movement, or the presentation of pictorials or graphics displayed in a progression of frames that give the illusion of motion or the illusion of moving objects, moving patterns or bands of light or expanding or contracting shapes.
 - e. Electronic message centers shall be designed to either freeze the display in one static position, display a full black screen, or turn off in the event of a malfunction.
 - f. Portable electronic message signs are prohibited. No electronic message center shall be permitted to be included as part of any limited duration sign.
- (2) Manual changeable copy signs are permitted only when integrated into signage for a quasi-public/institutional use or as permitted for a gasoline station.

Recommend that as part of all sign permit applications the applicant include renderings illustrating the proposed illumination appearance of the sign(s). A daytime view and nighttime view similar to that shown at the bottom of this page.

ARTICLE IV. - SIGN LIGHTING TYPES

Certain sign types may be illuminated as indicated herein. The type of lighting depends on the sign type and district in which it is located as set forth herein. The following defines and provides example depictions of the various sign lighting types used in this chapter.

Sign Lighting Type	Definition	Example Graphic
<p>Direct Lighting</p>	<p>A specific style of illumination where the source of light is internal and integral to the sign structure and where the resultant illumination radiates out in the direction of the viewer.</p> <p>This designation includes face-lighted channel letters and sign panels with routed and push-through graphics (backlit).</p>	
<p>Internal Box Lighting</p>	<p>Signs that use a lightbox configuration where a light fixture is inside a box with the front surface consisting of a translucent panel that becomes illuminated on which information is displayed.</p>	
<p>Shadow/Halo Lighting</p>	<p>A specific style of illumination where the sign face and returns are mounted on standoffs away from the wall which project illumination to the wall surface giving the sign a halo effect. In some instances, lighting that creates a shadow/halo effect may be located on the interior of the lettering – this is permissible if the light radiation is not visible on the front surface of lettering, logos, or symbols, and the front is entirely opaque.</p>	
<p>Indirect Lighting</p>	<p>A specific style of illumination where the source of light is external to, and independent of, the sign structure, and the illumination radiates toward the message area away from the viewer. This includes goose neck, linear sign lights, and ground mounted spotlights.</p>	

What about acrylic sign panels with opaque vinyl overlay where only the letters/graphics illuminate? (see attached for example). There does not seem to be an option/category for this manufacturing/lighting technique, though it seems to fit the desired "look" the City would support.



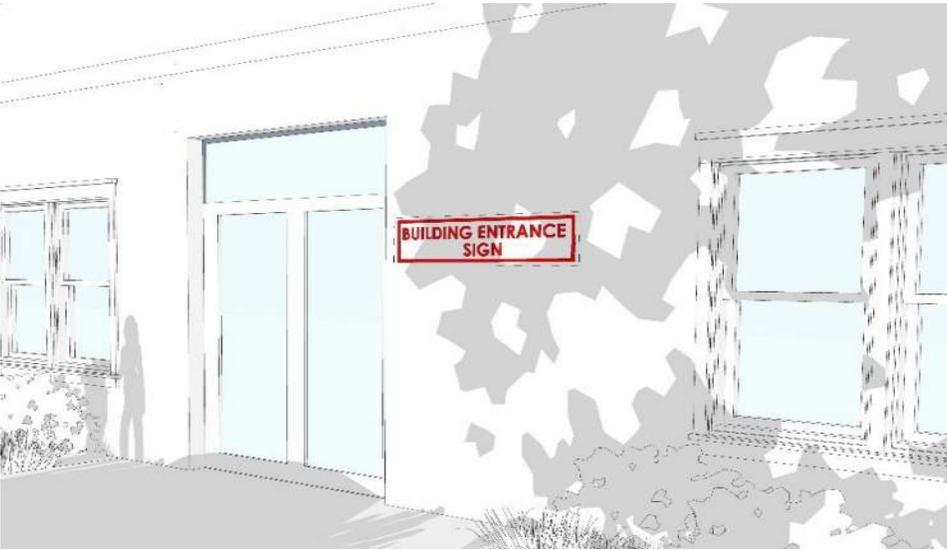
ARTICLE V. - SIGN STANDARDS

The appropriate sign type, dimension, location, and lighting type are determined by applicable district. For purposes of this chapter, zoning districts are categorized as Residential Districts (all R, RA, RM, DV-3 districts), Office Districts (O-I, O-I-T, O-D, OCR), Commercial and Industrial Districts (NS, C-1, CR-1, C-2, M, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4), the Perimeter Center. Additionally, due to their unique situation in the city, this chapter includes specific standards for quasi-public/institutional uses or of the zoning district in which they are located.

Sec. 20-23. Sign Standards: Residential Districts (R, RA, RM, DV-3 Districts)

(a) RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT MONUMENT SIGN			
STANDARDS	R	RA	RM, DV-3
Total Sign Count	Two per common development entrance - each situated on either side of primary vehicular entrance.	Two per common development entrance - each situated on either side of primary vehicular entrance.	Two per common development entrance situated on either side of primary vehicular entrance; one sign per secondary vehicular entrance not greater than 40% of the allowable dimensions of a primary entrance sign.
Sign Area (each sign) A	32 sq. ft. Max. (excluding base)		
Height above ground level (including base) B	8 ft. Max.		
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.		
Sign Base Materials	Brick or natural stone		
Illumination Type	Indirect; shadow/halo		
Setback from R.O.W. C	5 ft. Min.		

what about routed and push thru lettering? Can be done to look like shadow/halo for smaller letter sizes which will be often be used on signs of this size.

(b) BUILDING ENTRANCE WALL SIGN			
			
STANDARDS	R	RA	RM, DV-3
Count			1 per building entrance
Area			4 sq. ft. Max
Total Height (above grade)			6 ft. Max
Sign Face Materials			Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Illumination Type			Indirect; shadow/halo

Sec. 20-23 Sign Standards: Residential Districts (R, RA, RM, DV-3 Districts)

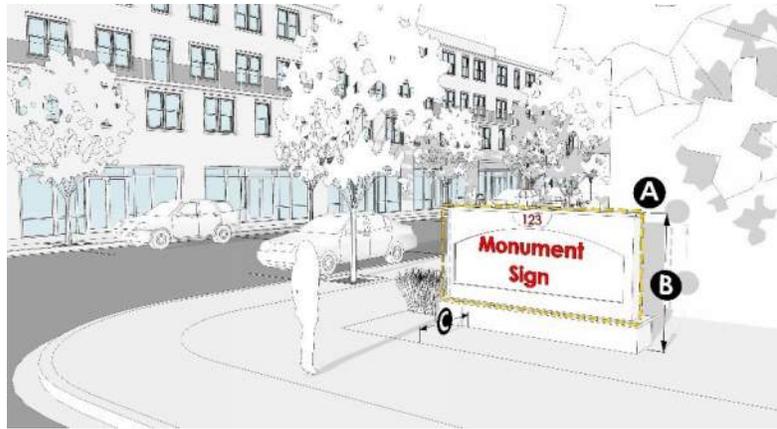
(c) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS			
STANDARDS	R	RA	RM, DV-3
YARD SIGN – SMALL			
Total Sign Count	2		1 per building; no more than a total of 5 signs per property
Total Sign Area Per Lot	30 sq. ft. Max.		40 sq. ft. Max.
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.		
Height (above grade)	3 ft. Max.		
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood sign material		
Illumination Type	Not Permitted		
Setback from R.O.W.	3 ft. Min.		
YARD SIGN – LARGE			
Location	Street yard		Within 100 ft. of primary vehicular entrance
Total Sign Area	6 sq. ft. Max		12 sq. ft. Max
Height (above grade)	3 ft. Max. if metal stake mounted; 6 ft. Max. if pole mounted		
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, metal, or painted wood face		
Illumination Type	Not Permitted		
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min		
ENTRANCE WALL BANNER (affixed to entrance wall only - freestanding banners not permitted)			
Location	Main common development entrance only (not on individual residences)		
Total Sign Area	30 sq. ft. Max		
Height (above grade)	Not higher than entrance wall		
Materials (sign and supports)	Affixed to wall; freestanding with metal or wood supports		
Illumination Type	Not Permitted		
Setback from R.O.W.	Same as entrance wall		
Duration	Permitted for a duration no longer than 4 months total each calendar year		

Sec. 20-24 Sign Standards: Office Districts (O-I, O-I-T, O-D, OCR)

Sec. 20-24. Sign Standards: Office Districts (O-I, O-I-T, O-D, OCR)

Where a single building is located on a property, a property owner may choose from any two different permanent sign types listed below. Where multiple buildings are located on a property as part of a common development, a property owner may choose one building mounted sign per building and one ground mounted sign per vehicular entrance.

(a) MONUMENT SIGN - SINGLE PANEL				
STANDARDS	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR
Count	1, or 1 per frontage if located on a corner lot up to a maximum of 2			
Sign Area A	32 sq. ft. Max. (major frontage); 24 sq. ft. Max. (minor frontage)			
Total Sign Height (above ground level) (including base) B	8 ft. Max.			
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone; metal with raised letters or applied vinyl letters; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.			
Sign Base Materials	Brick or natural stone base; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.			
EMC	Not Permitted			
Lighting	Indirect shadow/halo		Direct Lighting - Routed & Push Thru?	
Setback from R.O.W. C	5 ft. Min.			



Could this shadow/halo lighting effect be achieved with routed and pushed thru acrylic lettering that has an opaque face? The technique I describe appears to achieve the aesthetic vision of the ordinance, but does not appear to be allowed because it requires direct lighting. There are multiple methods/materials/lighting techniques to achieve a shadow/halo lighting effect, but the allowed lighting methods in this draft appear as though they would only allow letters on standoffs (as described in the shadow/halo definition) which are often impractical for smaller letters that can be used on signs of this size.



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(b) MONUMENT - MULTIPLE PANELS



STANDARDS	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR
Count	1 per common development			
Total Sign Area A	6 sq. ft. Max. (Major frontage); 28 sq. ft. Max. (Minor frontage)	36 sq. ft. Max. (Major frontage); 28 sq. ft. Max. (Minor frontage)	42 sq. ft. Max. (Major frontage); 32 sq. ft. Max. (Minor frontage)	36 sq. ft. Max. (Major frontage); 28 sq. ft. Max. (Minor frontage)
Total Sign Height (above ground level) (including base) B	8 ft. Max			
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted, carved stone, metal with raised letters or applied vinyl letters; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted. Routed & Push Thru?			
Sign Base Materials	Brick or natural stone base; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.			
Illumination Types	Indirect, shadow/halo	Direct Lighting - Routed & Push Thru? What about acrylic sign panels with opaque vinyl overlay where only the letters/graphics illuminate?		
Setback from R.O.W. C	5 ft. Min.			

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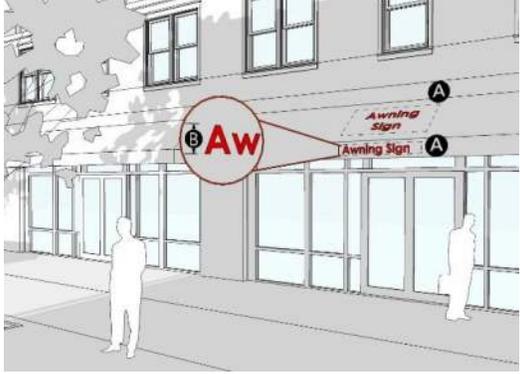
(c) WALL SIGN				
STANDARDS	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR
A Total Sign Area	Width of ground floor façade on which wall sign affixed: = 0-100 ft, then max. total wall sign area is 15% of total area of ground floor front elevation (15% of each storefront elevation for a common development with multiple tenants); = 101-300 ft., then max. total wall sign area is 20% of total area of ground floor front elevation (20% of each storefront elevation for a common development with multiple tenants); = 300 ft. or greater, then max. total wall sign area is 25% of total area of ground floor front elevation (25% of each storefront elevation for a common development with multiple tenants); + one wall sign on each side elevation facing a public right-of-way up to 15% of total side elevation area.			
Materials	Mounted on a raceway; painted directly on wall; supports and wiring components concealed from public view; routed push-through displays are permitted.			If routed and push thru are allowed, then need to allow "Direct Lighting" also.
Illumination Types	Indirect, shadow/halo	Direct Lighting - Routed & Push Thru?		
Height Above Grade	Min. 9 ft.; Max. 16 ft.			
Location and Setbacks	Flush with front corner or front side corner wall not protruding more than 12 inches from wall	Flush with wall not protruding more than 24 inches from wall		

(d) PROJECTING OR BLADE SIGN



STANDARDS	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR
Count	1 per main pedestrian entrance to each tenant suite if have exterior entrances or to the building if not			
Sign Face Area (each face) A	8 sq. ft Max.			
Location (height above grade) B	8 ft. Min.			
Extension beyond building façade	4 ft. Max.			
Angle at façade	90 degrees			
Materials	Wood or metal sign face, metal fastening to structure <i>routed and push thru?</i>			
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo			



(e) CANOPY SIGN AND AWNING SIGN				
CANOPY SIGN		AWNING SIGN		
				
CANOPY SIGNS				
STANDARDS	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR
Count	1 per main pedestrian entrance to each tenant suite if have exterior entrances or to the building if not			
Location	Affixed above at 90-degree angle to top of canopy			
Sign Face / Lettering Area A	1 sq. ft. per linear foot of building frontage Max.			
Illumination Types	Indirect Direct Lighting - Freestanding Letters on canopy?			
AWNING SIGNS				
STANDARDS	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR
Count	1 per main pedestrian entrance to each tenant suite if have exterior entrances or to the building if not			
Sign Face Area (% of awning) A	75% of valance area Max.; 25% sloping portion area Max.			
Materials	Metal supports; vinyl or fabric face			
Illumination Types	Indirect			
Lettering B	Lettering may not extend beyond the awning and a single row of lettering may not cover both the valance and sloping portion			

(f) WAYFINDING SIGN				
				
STANDARDS	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR
Count	Max. 2 per curb cut			
Sign Face Area A	6 sq. ft. Max.			
Supports	Shall be monument style on base of same material as sign			
Illumination Types	Direct; indirect; shadow/halo			

Recommend allowing internal box lighting - lettering on signs this small will generally be too small for the types of lettering which correspond with the allowed illumination types. If the intent is to avoid glowing rectangles of light, then limit the lighting to the graphics only (background behind the lettering/graphics to be opaque/not lighted)

(g) PAINTED MURAL SIGN				
				
STANDARDS	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR
Location and Size	On side façade only not larger than 1/8 of the total façade wall area not including the area of glazing			
Illumination	Indirect			

(h) Freestanding Hanging Sign				
				
STANDARDS	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR
Height and Material	Sign face shall be hanging from wood or metal supports no taller than 5 feet; sign face shall be wood or metal.			
Sign Face Area	8 sq. ft. Max.			
Location	No less than 20 feet from the building pedestrian entrance; not less than 5 feet from the R.O.W.			

(i) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS				
(Chose two of any different limited duration signs below at any given time)				
STANDARDS	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR
PATIO UMBRELLA SIGN				
Location	Outdoor dining area and patio area only			
Logo Area	Max. 20% of total umbrella area; every other panel left blank			
Materials	Embroidered or imprinted on canvas or umbrella			
Illumination	Not Permitted			
Duration	During business hours only; umbrellas shall be closed after business hours			
YARD SIGN – SMALL				
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.			
Height (above grade)	3 ft. Max.			
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Setback from R.O.W.	3 ft. Min.			
YARD SIGN – LARGE				
Total Area Per Sign	12 sq. ft. Max.			
Height (above grade)	6 ft. Max.			

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Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, metal, or painted wood face
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min.
TEMPORARY BANNER SIGN	
Count	If attached to the building, then 1 per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance; if attached to a fence, wall or ground mounted, then up to one per property or two per common development
Materials	Cloth or vinyl
Total Area Per Sign	36 sq. ft. Max.
Duration	14-day permit up to 6 times per year

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Sec. 20-25. Commercial and Industrial Districts (NS, C-1, CR-1, C-2, M, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4)

Where a single building is located on a property, a property owner may choose from any two different permanent sign types listed below. Where multiple buildings are located on a property as part of a common development, a property owner may choose one building mounted sign per building and one ground mounted sign per vehicular entrance.

The sign regulations applicable to the C-1 district shall apply to all signage within Dunwoody Village (DV-1, DV-2 and DV-4 districts); provided, however, that no monument sign shall be located in any street yard of any property within any of the DV-1, DV-2 and DV-4 districts where the building is located closer than 20 feet to the lot line.

(a) MONUMENT - SINGLE PANEL				
STANDARD	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count (per frontage) (Maximum of 2)	1			
Sign Area A	32 sq. ft. Max. (Major frontage); 18 sq. ft. Max. (Minor frontage)			32 sq. ft. Max. (Major frontage); 24 sq. ft. Max. (Minor frontage)
Total Sign Height (above ground level) (including base) B	6 ft Max.			8 ft. Max.
Sign Face Materials C	Wood carved and painted; carved stone; metal with raised letters or applied vinyl letters; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted. Routed & Push Thru?			
Sign Base Materials	Brick or natural stone base, or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.			
EMC	Not Permitted			
Lighting	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo			
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min.			

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(b) MONUMENT - MULTIPLE PANELS				
STANDARDS	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	1 per frontage; maximum of 2 per common development			
Sign Area A	36 sq. ft. Max. (Major frontage); 28 sq. ft. Max. (Minor frontage)		42 sq. ft. Max. (Major frontage); 32 sq. ft. Max. (Minor frontage)	
Total Sign Height (above ground level) (including base) B	6 ft. Max.			
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted, carved stone, metal with raised letters or applied vinyl letters; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted. Routed & Push Thru Graphics???			
Sign Base Materials	Brick or natural stone base; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.			
Illumination Types	Indirect, Direct, shadow/halo		What about acrylic sign panels with opaque vinyl overlay where only the letters/graphics illuminate? (see attached for example)	
Setback from R.O.W. C	6 ft. Min.			



Would this sign construction/lighting be allowed?
 Appears to achieve the desired aesthetic, but lighting and materials used do not appear to be allowed by the current draft.



Monument Sign Multiple Panels (Commercial District)

Sec. 20-25 Commercial and Industrial Districts (NS, C-1, CR-1, C-2, M, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4)

(c) WALL SIGN



STANDARDS	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Total Sign Area A	Width of ground floor façade on which wall sign affixed: = 0-100 ft, then max. total wall sign area is 15% of total area of ground floor front elevation (15% of each storefront elevation for retail center); = 101-300 ft., then max. total wall sign area is 20% of total area of ground floor front elevation (20% of each storefront elevation for retail center); = 300 ft. or greater, then max. total wall sign area is 25% of total area of ground floor front elevation (25% of each storefront elevation for retail center); + one wall sign on each side elevation facing a public right-of-way up to 15% of total side elevation area			
Materials	Mounted on a raceway; painted directly on wall; supports and wiring components concealed from public view - routed push-through displays are permitted.			
Illumination Types	Indirect, shadow/halo	Direct Lighting - Routed & Push Thru?	Routed & Push Thru requires Direct Lighting Also Be Allowed.	
Height Above Grade	Min. 9 ft.; Max. 16 ft.			
Location and Setbacks	Flush with wall not protruding more than 24 inches from wall			

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(d) PROJECTING OR BLADE SIGN



STANDARDS	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count (per entrance)	1			
Sign Face Area (each sign face) A	8 sq. ft. Max.			
Location (height above grade) B	8 ft. Min.			
Extension beyond building façade	4 ft. Max.			
Angle at façade	90 degrees			
Materials	Wood or metal sign face, metal fastening to structure Routed & Push Thru?			
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo			

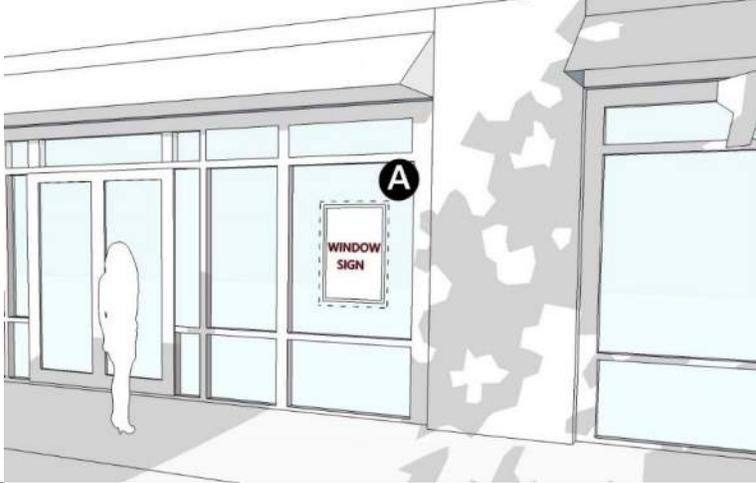


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(e) CANOPY SIGN AND AWNING SIGN				
CANOPY SIGN		AWNING SIGN		
				
CANOPY SIGN				
STANDARDS	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	1 per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance			
Location	Affixed above canopy			
Sign Face / Lettering Area A	1 sq. ft. per linear foot of building frontage Max.			
Illumination Types	Indirect Direct Lighting - Freestanding Letters on canopy?			
AWNING SIGN				
STANDARDS	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	1 per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance			
Sign Face Area (% of awning) A	75% valance area Max.; 25% sloping portion area Max.			
Materials	Metal supports; vinyl face			
Illumination Types	Indirect			
Lettering B	Lettering may not extend beyond the awning and a single row of lettering may not cover both the valance and sloping portion			

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(f) WINDOW SIGN					
					
STANDARDS	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M	
Area	A 30% Window Coverage Max. (% of total front façade glazing within five feet of either side of main tenant suite pedestrian entrance or main building entrance) (no neon, flashing, blinking, digital, video or scrolling signs) (no greater than 10% tinting)				

(g) WAYFINDING SIGN					
					
STANDARDS	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M	
Count	2 per curb cut Max.				
Sign Face Area	A 6 sq. ft. Max.				
Supports	Shall be monument style on base of same material as sign				
Illumination Types	Direct; indirect; shadow/halo				

Recommend allowing internal box lighting - lettering on signs this small will generally be too small for the types of lettering which correspond with the allowed illumination types. If the intent is to avoid glowing rectangles of light, then limit the lighting to the graphics only (background behind the lettering/graphics to be opaque/not lighted)

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(h) PAINTED MURAL SIGN				
				
STANDARDS	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Location and Size	On side façade only, and shall not be larger than 1/8 of the wall area			
Illumination	Indirect			

(i) FREESTANDING HANGING SIGN				
				
STANDARDS	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Height and Material	Sign face shall be hanging from wood or metal supports no taller than 5 feet; sign face shall be wood or metal.			
Sign Face Area	8 sq. ft. Max.			
Location	No less than 20 feet from the building entrance			

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(j) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS				
(Chose two of any different limited duration signs below at any given time)				
STANDARDS	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4	CR-1	C-2/M
PATIO UMBRELLA SIGN				
Location	Outdoor dining area and patio area only			
Logo Area	Max. 20% of total umbrella area; every other panel blank			
Materials	Embroidered or imprinted on canvas or umbrella			
Illumination	Not Permitted			
Duration	During business hours only – umbrellas shall be closed after business hours			
SANDWICH BOARD SIGN (1 permitted per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance)				
Sign Face Area (each of two sides)	6 sq. ft. Max.	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	
Location	Permitted where buildings are located on public sidewalks only; must be located within 3 ft of the main entrance			
Board Width	24 inches Max.			
Board Height	36 inches Max.			
Materials	Wood			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Duration (hours per day)	12 Max.			
YARD SIGN – SMALL				
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.			
Height (above grade)	3 ft. Max.			
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Setback from R.O.W.	3 ft. Min.			
YARD SIGN – LARGE				
Total Area Per Sign	12 sq. ft. Max.			
Height (above grade)	6 ft. Max.			
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, metal, or painted wood face			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min.			
TEMPORARY BANNER SIGN				
Count	If attached to the building, then 1 per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance; if attached to a fence, wall or ground mounted, then up to one per property or two per common development			
Materials	Cloth or vinyl			
Total Area Per Sign	36 sq. ft. Max.			
Duration	14-day permit up to 6 times per year			

Sec. 20-26 Perimeter Center – Primary Sign Types

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Within the Perimeter Center, the sign types below are categorized as primary sign types or secondary sign types. Each property shall be permitted to choose from two primary sign types. Properties may also install the number of permitted secondary sign types as permitted for each sign type per the listed “count” within each table.

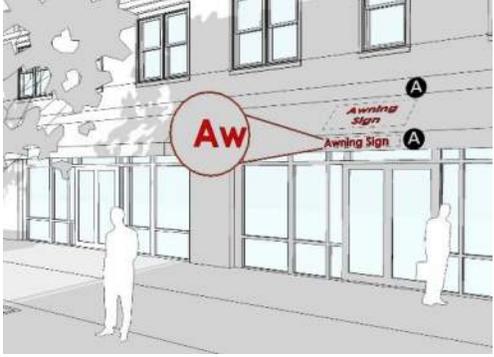
(a) MONUMENT SIGN	
STANDARDS	Perimeter Center
Count	2 per major vehicular entrance up to a maximum of 10 per common development; or one boulevard panel sign per boulevard entrance up to a maximum of five per common development
Location	Street yard(s) only
Sign Face Area	A 36 sq. ft. Max. (single-panel); 64 sq. ft. Max. (multi-panel)
Total Sign Height Above Ground Level (including base)	B 6 ft. Max. (single-panel); 10 ft. Max. (multi-panel); 4 ft. Max. (boulevard single-panel); 8 ft. Max. (boulevard multi-panel)
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone; metal; glass with raised or applied vinyl letters; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted. routed and push thru graphics???
Sign Base Materials	Brick; natural stone; stucco; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Base Height	1 ft. min. / 3 ft. Max.
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo
Setback from R.O.W.	C 5 feet
EMC	Maximum of 40% of total sign face area may be EMC on up to four total monument signs; EMC prohibited on all others



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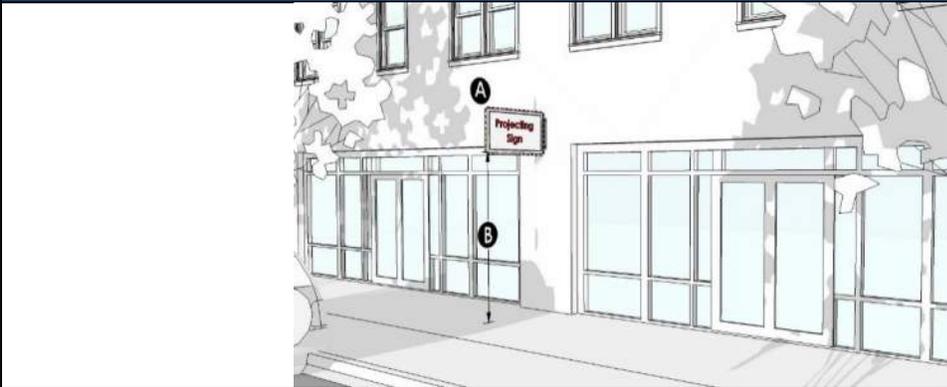
(b) WALL SIGN	
	
STANDARDS	Perimeter Center
A Total Wall Sign Allowance	Width of façade on which wall sign affixed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ = 0-100 ft, then max. total wall sign area is 15% of total area of ground floor front elevation (15% of each storefront elevation for retail center); ➤ = 101-300 ft., then max. total wall sign area is 20% of total area of ground floor front elevation (20% of each storefront elevation for retail center); ➤ = 300 ft. or greater, then max. total wall sign area is 25% of total area of ground floor front elevation (25% of each storefront elevation for retail center); + one wall sign on each side elevation facing a public right-of-way up to 15% of total side elevation area. High rise construction, buildings over 75 feet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For every 1 foot of building height, 1.5 square feet of sign area is permitted on the parapet to be located on the upper portion of the building, which will be considered the top 25% of the building's height. Two signs shall be permitted on the two most prominent building elevations.
Materials	Mounted on a raceway; raised letters affixed directly on wall; supports and wiring components concealed from public view - routed push-through displays are permitted.
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo (See Sec. 20-62)
Height of Sign	Min. 9 ft.; Max. 24 ft.
Location and Setbacks	Flush with wall not protruding more than 24 inches from wall on which it is affixed

Sec. 20-26 Perimeter Center – Primary Sign Types

(c) AWNING AND CANOPY SIGN	
<p>CANOPY SIGN</p> 	<p>AWNING SIGN</p> 
CANOPY SIGN	
STANDARDS	Perimeter Center
Count (per building)	1 per storefront
Location	Affixed above canopy; front face of canopy
Sign Area Dimensions	A 50% of total area of front face of canopy Max.
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct
AWNING SIGN	
Count (per building)	1 per storefront
Sign Face Area (% of awning)	A 50% valance area Max.; 25% sloping portion area Max.
Materials	Metal supports; cloth or vinyl face
Illumination Types	Indirect, direct

Sec. 20-26 Perimeter Center – Primary Sign Types

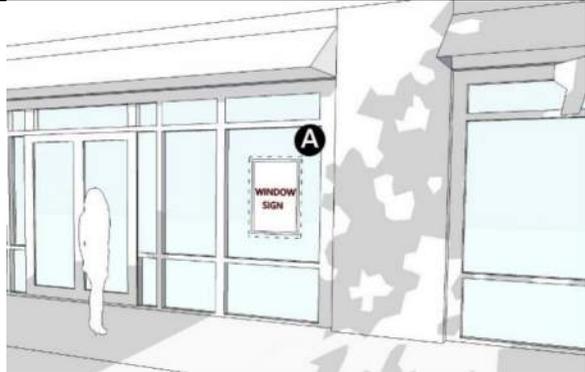
(d) PROJECTING/BLADE SIGNS	
STANDARDS	Perimeter Center
Count (per building)	1 per storefront
Sign Face Area (Max each of two sides)	12 sq. ft.
Location (Min. Height above grade)	9 ft.
Extension beyond building façade	3 ft. Max.
Angle at façade (degrees)	90
Sign Face Area (Max each of two sides)	12 sq. ft.
Materials	Wood; metal <i>routed and push thru acrylic?</i>
EMC	Not Permitted
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct



Sec. 20-27 Perimeter Center – Secondary Sign Types

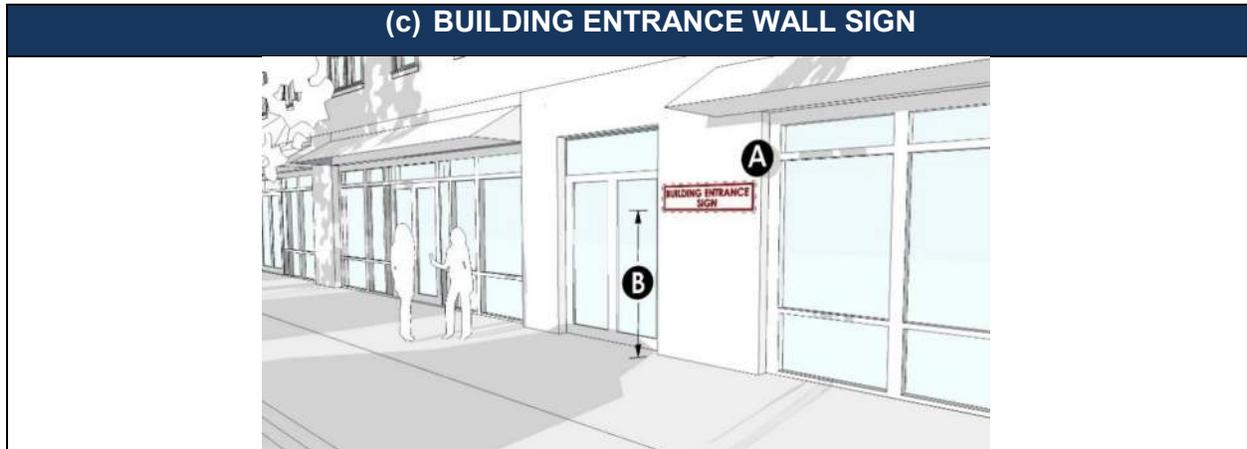
Sec. 20-27. Perimeter Center – Secondary Sign Types

Within the Perimeter Center, the sign types below are categorized as secondary sign types. Each property shall be permitted to choose from two secondary sign types. Properties may also install the number of permitted secondary sign types as permitted for each sign type per the listed “count” within each table.

(a) WINDOW SIGN	
	
STANDARDS	Perimeter Center
Window Coverage (% of total front façade glazing within 5 feet of main store/building entrance) (no neon, flashing, blinking, digital, video or scrolling signs) (no greater than 10% tinting) A	30% Max.

(b) PAINTED MURAL SIGN	
	
STANDARDS	Perimeter Center
Location and Size	On side façade only, and shall not be larger than 1/8 of the wall area
Illumination	Indirect

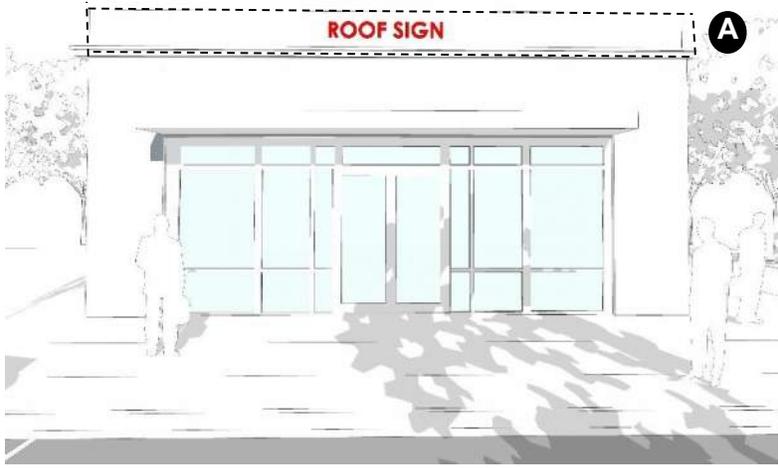
Sec. 20-27 Perimeter Center – Secondary Sign Types



STANDARDS	Perimeter Center
Count	2 per residential multi-unit building
Area A	4 sq. ft. Max.
Height from Ground Level	6 ft. Max.
Sign Face Materials B	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
EMC	Not Permitted
Illumination Type	Indirect; shadow/halo

routed and push thru? graphics on signs of this size will likely be too small for "shadow/halo" as described by the ordinance. Routed and push thru would achieve the same look and be possible at the smaller letter sizes.

Sec. 20-27 Perimeter Center – Secondary Sign Types

(d) ROOF SIGN	
	
STANDARDS	Perimeter Center
Count	2 per common development
Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Face Area	A 80 sq. ft. Max., scale to building size
Supports	Any so long as not visible from ground view.
EMC	Not Permitted
Illumination Types	Indirect; Direct; Individual Bulb Lighting; Shadow/Halo
Setback (from edge of roof)	5 ft. Max.
Height (above roof)	10 ft. Max.
Roof Types	Roof signs are not permitted on pitched roofs, hip roofs, or gambrel roofs.

Sec. 20-27 Perimeter Center – Secondary Sign Types

(e) WAYFINDING SIGN



STANDARDS	Perimeter Center	
Count	2 per curb cut Max.	
Sign Face Area A	6 sq. ft. Max.	
Supports	Shall be monument style on base of same material as sign	
Illumination Types	direct; indirect; shadow/halo	
EMC	50% of total sign face area may be EMC Max.	
Height (above grade)	4 ft. Max.	

Recommend allowing internal box lighting - lettering on signs this small will generally be too small for the types of lettering which correspond with the allowed illumination types. If the intent is to avoid glowing rectangles of light, then limit the lighting to the graphics only (background behind the lettering/graphics to be opaque/not lighted)

(f) Freestanding Entrance Sign



STANDARDS	Perimeter Center	
Height and Material	Sign face shall be hanging from wood or metal supports no taller than 5 feet; sign face shall be wood or metal.	
Sign Face Area (each sign face)	8 sq. ft. Max.	
Location	No less than 20 feet from the building entrance	

Sec. 20-27 Perimeter Center – Secondary Sign Types

(g) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS	
(Choose two of any different limited duration signs below at any given time)	
STANDARDS	PERIMETER CENTER
PATIO UMBRELLA SIGNS	
Location	Outdoor dining area of patio area only
Logo Area	Max. 20% of total umbrella area; every other panel blank
Materials	Embroidered or imprinted on canvas or umbrella
Illumination	Not Permitted
Duration	During business hours only
YARD SIGN – SMALL	
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.
Height (above grade)	3 ft. Max.
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; metal or wood face
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min.
YARD SIGN – LARGE	
Total Area Per Sign	12 sq. ft. Max.
Height (above grade)	6 ft. Max.
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, metal or painted wood face
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min
TEMPORARY BANNER SIGN	
Count	If attached to the building, then 1 per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance; if attached to a fence, wall or ground mounted, then up to one per property or two per common development
Materials	Cloth or vinyl
Total Area Per Sign	36 sq. ft. Max.
Duration	14-day permit up to 6 times per year
SANDWICH BOARD SIGN (1 permitted per storefront)	
Location	Within 10 feet of primary entrance not blocking sidewalk
Sign Face Area (each of two sign faces)	6 sq. ft. Max.
Board Width (inches)	24 inches Max.
Board Height	36 inches Max.
Materials	Wood; Metal
Illumination	Not Permitted
Duration (hours per day)	12 Max.
PORTABLE TEMPORARY ELECTRONIC SIGN	
Duration	May not exceed 30 days per calendar year
Size	No larger than 70 x 100 inches

Sec. 20-28 Quasi-Public/Institutional Uses

Sec. 20-28. Quasi-Public/Institutional Uses

The following sign types below shall be permitted for properties containing a quasi-public/institutional use (as defined in Sec. 27-113) irrespective of whether the sign type is permitted in the applicable district. Each property shall be entitled to the following signs subject to the following standards:

(a) SIGNS SPECIFIC TO QUASI-PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL USES	
STANDARDS	Any Quasi-Public/Institutional Use in any District
BUILDING ENTRANCE SIGN	
Count	1 per building entrance
Area	4 sq. ft. Max.
Height from Ground Level	6 ft. Max.
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
EMC	Not permitted
Illumination Type	Indirect; shadow/halo
MONUMENT SIGN (SINGLE PANEL)	
Count	1 per major vehicular entrance up to a maximum of two
Location	Street yard(s) only
Sign Face Area (each sign face)	36 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height Above Ground Level (including base)	6 sq. ft. Max.
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Base Materials	Brick; natural stone; stucco; synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Base Height	1 ft. min. / 3 ft. Max.
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo
Setback from R.O.W.	5 feet
EMC	Maximum of 40% of total sign face area may be EMC. No manual changeable copy allowed if sign includes an EMC.
Manual Changeable Copy	Maximum of 40% of total sign face area may be manual changeable copy. No EMC allowed if sign includes manual changeable copy.

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	WAYFINDING SIGN
Count	2 per curb cut Max.
Sign Face Area	6 sq. ft. Max.
Supports	Shall be monument style on base of same material as sign
Illumination Types	direct; indirect; shadow/halo
EMC	Not permitted
Height (above grade)	4 ft. Max.

ARTICLE VI. - NONCONFORMITIES**Sec. 20-29. Use and Maintenance of Nonconforming Signs**

Subject to the restrictions of this chapter, a nonconforming sign may be used, but not expanded or improved unless the sign is made conforming. All nonconforming signs shall be maintained in good condition and repair and may be subject to removal for violations of maintenance standards.

Sec. 20-30. Repair and Replacement of Nonconforming Signs; Exceptions

Minor repairs and maintenance of nonconforming signs shall be permitted. Structural repairs or changes in the size or shape of a nonconforming sign shall be permitted if the changes do not expand the nonconforming nature of the sign. A nonconforming sign shall not be replaced by another nonconforming sign. *Exceptions:* (i) the substitution or interchange of sign panels, painted boards, or dismountable material on nonconforming signs shall be permitted; (ii) the substitution or interchange of sign lighting types on nonconforming signs shall be permitted; (iii) the substitution, interchange, or replacement of sign base and/or surround materials on nonconforming signs shall be permitted; (iv) a nonconforming sign damaged or destroyed by act of God or by other circumstances beyond the control of the owner of the sign may be repaired or replaced if the repairs do not exceed 50 percent of total replacement cost.

Sec. 20-31. Relocation of Nonconforming Signs

A nonconforming sign may be relocated for the purposes of road or sidewalk construction, purchases of right-of-way, or other public works or transportation project initiated by the City or other public agency.

ARTICLE VII. - ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES SPECIFIC TO SIGNS**Sec. 20-32. Master Sign Plan Required**

A master sign plan shall be reviewed by the Community Development Director for compliance with this Chapter 20 for all new multi-tenant developments and in any existing development over 20 acres where total sign area is increasing, or any sign location is changing. Sign face changes shall not require the submission of a master sign plan. All master sign plans shall contain the following:

- (1) A site plan showing the location of buildings, parking lots, driveways and landscaped areas, and the location, size, area and height of all proposed business, identification, and traffic directional signs (and existing to remain signs).
- (2) Computation of the maximum total sign area allowed and requested, the maximum area allowed and requested for each individual sign, the conceptual approach proposed for window signage.
- (3) A description of how the applicant will achieve visual consistency among all signs, which may be in narrative or graphic depiction, regarding color scheme, lettering or graphic style; lighting; location of each sign on the site and on buildings; material; and support structures.

Sec. 20-33. Master Sign Plan Modifications

- (1) Minor modifications to an approved master sign plan shall be submitted in writing for review and decision by the Community Development Director:
 - a. The change does not increase the sign area of the subject property approved in the original master sign plan.
 - b. The change maintains visual harmony with those elements specifically identified in the original master sign plan as integral to the design theme of the subject property (for example: location(s), color(s), material(s), or type(s)).
- (2) The decision of the Community Development Director in approving or denying a master sign plan may be appealed as set forth herein below.
- (3) Major modifications to an approved master sign plan shall be reviewed and decided by the zoning board of appeals.

Sec. 20-34 Variances

Sec. 20-34. Variances

An application for a variance from the strict application of the provisions of this chapter may be initiated by application to the zoning board of appeals on the form provided by the community development department. In addition to the factors for consideration for variances in Sec. 16-141, variances from the regulations of this chapter shall be limited to the following hardship situations:

- (1) Where the proximity of existing signs on adjoining lots causes the subject property to be ineligible, due to spacing requirements, for a sign of the type sought; or
- (2) Where visibility of a conforming sign from the proposed street and within 50 feet of the proposed sign would be substantially impaired by existing trees, plants, natural features, signs, buildings, or structures on a different lot; and
 - a. Placement of the sign elsewhere on the lot would not remedy the visual obstruction;
 - b. Such visibility obstruction was not created by the owner of the subject property; and
 - c. The variance proposed would not create a safety hazard to vehicular traffic or pedestrians.
- (3) Variances shall be limited to the minimum relief necessary to overcome the hardship. No variances shall be granted to allow a greater number of signs than would be allowed if the hardship did not exist.
- (4) The staff or community development department shall conduct a site inspection of and shall prepare an analysis of each application for variance applying the criteria and standards set forth in this section.
- (5) Relief from the application of the provisions of this chapter by use of variances granted by the board shall be granted only upon a finding of hardship as previously defined. Hearing on such variances shall be noticed and a final decision rendered by the board using the same time frames and notice requirements as for appeals under this chapter.
- (6) In the event of dissatisfaction with the decision of the zoning board of appeals, a person may petition for a writ of certiorari to the Superior Court of DeKalb County as provided by law.

Sec. 20-35. Emergency Sign Provisions for Temporary Signage

In the instance that the federal, state, or City government declares a state of emergency, the Mayor and City Council may pass a temporary decree (for the duration of the state of emergency) which explicitly specifies relaxed regulations for temporary signage to permit better communication for the duration of the emergency.

Sec. 20-36. Appeals

Decisions and determinations made pursuant to this Chapter 20 may be appealed to the zoning board of appeals pursuant to Ch. 27, Div. 8.

Sec. 20-37. Violations and Penalties

The Community Development Director or his/her designee may issue a citation for violation of this chapter by any person, including if applicable, the owner, manager or tenant of the space upon which a sign is located, for a sign erected, altered, maintained, converted, or used in violation of this chapter or in violation of any other applicable ordinance, including, but not limited to, the building and electrical codes.

Sec. 20-37 Violations and Penalties

- a. The Community Development Director and/or his/her designee shall have the same duties, authority, and obligations regarding access to private property and inspections, including the procurement of inspection warrants provided in article VI of the City zoning ordinance with regard to the enforcement of this chapter.
- b. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of an offense and upon conviction, shall be subject to the general penalty provided in chapter 1. Each sign installed, created, erected or maintained in violation of this chapter shall be considered a separate violation, and each day of a continued violation for each sign shall be considered a separate violation when applying the penalties authorized in this Code.
- c. The City may seek affirmative equitable relief in a court of competent jurisdiction to cause the removal or repair of any sign in violation of this chapter or other City ordinances.
- d. The Community Development Director or designee may remove any sign or structure illegally placed upon a public right-of-way without any notice and may dispose of said sign or structure. Such removal and disposal of illegally placed signs shall not preclude the prosecution of any person for illegally placing such signs in the public right-of-way.

Paul Leonhardt

From: Brown, Carrie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 12:03 PM
To: Paul Leonhardt; Allegra DeNooyer
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Thank you for letting me send, Paul. Please see attached.

I also included conceptual renderings of the entire development to show that the proposed signage cosmetic upgrades are part of a larger repositioning vision that the owners have.

Carrie W. Brown

direct [REDACTED]
 mobile [REDACTED]

From: Paul Leonhardt <Paul.Leonhardt@dunwoodyga.gov>
Date: Monday, May 3, 2021 at 2:45 PM
To: "Brown, Carrie" [REDACTED], Allegra DeNooyer <Allegra.DeNooyer@dunwoodyga.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Ashford Lane Signage Lighting

Hi Carrie,

If you have the visuals with me by mid-day tomorrow, I can make it part of the package for the Planning Commission.

There will be 10 minutes of comment for and 10 minutes of comment against the new sign code – so please be prepared not to have the full minutes. It depends on the chairman to accept a more formal presentation. But from a technical standpoint, we are able to accommodate it via Zoom if you give me a heads-up. I'd also be happy to check in with him on your behalf ahead of time so you can be prepared one way or the other. Just let me know!

Best,
 Paul

Paul Leonhardt, AICP
 Planning & Zoning Manager
 Deputy Community Development Director

From: Brown, Carrie [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Paul Leonhardt <Paul.Leonhardt@dunwoodyga.gov>; Allegra DeNooyer <Allegra.DeNooyer@dunwoodyga.gov>
Subject: Re: Ashford Lane Signage Lighting

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Yes, of course. I will send ASAP. Attendance will be via Zoom. May it include visuals? And, 10 minutes max, correct?
Best, Carrie

Carrie W. Brown

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Date: Monday, May 3, 2021 at 1:45 PM
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Hi Carrie,

You can send any written comment to my email. For the meeting, you can attend either in person or via Zoom.

Best, Paul

Paul Leonhardt, AICP
Planning & Zoning Manager
Deputy Community Development Director

From: Brown, Carrie [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 1:16 PM
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Allegra,

This sounds great, thank you for the update. A representative will plan on speaking at the May 11th Planning Commission meeting. Is an email to publiccomment@dunwoodyga.gov still the proper process for that? Please advise.

Best,
Carrie

Carrie W. Brown

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From: Allegra DeNooyer <Allegra.DeNooyer@dunwoodyga.gov>
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 11:23 AM
To: "Brown, Carrie" [REDACTED]

Cc: Paul Leonhardt <Paul.Leonhardt@dunwoodyga.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Ashford Lane Signage Lighting

Hi Carrie,

Great! So you could either submit a public comment – a written statement of what you think needs to be different about the ordinance – to Paul Leonhardt, CC'd here or you could speak at the public hearing at the May 11th Planning Commission meeting or at subsequent City Council meetings. If you feel very strongly about the lighting issue, I would recommend speaking at the meeting. If you choose to speak at the meetings, public comment occurs at the end of the meeting and you can Zoom in. I believe you are limited to 10 minutes to speak, unless others have other public comments.

Please let me know if you have any other questions about the process!

Thanks,
Allegra

Allegra DeNooyer
Planning Technician

From: Brown, Carrie [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: Ashford Lane Signage Lighting

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Thank you for your helpful response, Allegra. Yes, we are interested in submitting public comment and would appreciate any information you could provide on that process.

Best,
Carrie

Carrie W. Brown

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From: Allegra DeNooyer <Allegra.DeNooyer@dunwoodyga.gov>
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 9:48 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Ashford Lane Signage Lighting

Good morning Carrie,

I appreciate you sending this over. Unfortunately this proposed lighting would not work. However, we are currently in the process of updating our sign ordinance and you are more than welcome to send over public comments or speak at

the public hearing at the May 11th Planning Commission meeting (or subsequent City Council meetings). Public comments would be the best way for your proposal to be considered by the Planning Commissioners.

Please feel free to reach out if you would like to submit anything as public comment or speak at a public hearing.

Thanks,
Allegra

Allegra DeNooyer
Planning Technician

From: Brown, Carrie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:32 PM
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Allegra,

Hope you are well.

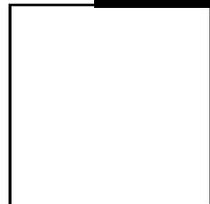
I was in the Perimeter area recently and took a photo of the tenant sign for Ashford Place. Circling back to the upgrades to Ashford Lane’s signs, this is the same lighting treatment we are hoping to achieve with the internally illuminated sign panels, albeit even more subtle with a soft glow. As there are pylons in Central Perimeter with lighting treatment like the one we are proposing, it wouldn’t be out of character to make the upgrade. Beyond the lighting, no structural changes would take place. The result would be consistent with our property improvement goals and aesthetically in-line with the Central Perimeter monument signage.

Please advise if this would be a consideration for the City. If so, our signage vendor will proceed with drawings for submittal.

Thank you for your consideration.
Carrie

Carrie W. Brown

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OLDE PERIMETER WAY CONCEPTUAL RENDERING

From: [Richard McLeod](#)
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See below and let's talk about it.



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<Jay.Vinicki@dunwoodyga.gov>
Cc: Council Members <CouncilMembers@dunwoodyga.gov>
Subject: Re: Sign ordinance /lighting comments

Thanks Joe, this will be reviewed.

Eric, I would welcome staff review of these suggestions by the next meeting if we are reviewing the sign ordinance at that time.

Thanks

John

On Jun 23, 2021, at 10:09 AM, Joseph Martinez <joedmartinez@gmail.com> wrote:

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Councilmembers,

I'd like to submit the following comments on the sign code for consideration. I used to do retail development, and tenants will never be satisfied with the amount of signage you give them.

Lower the standards, and you get visual clutter so bad that no one stands out - think of Kissimmee FL or Myrtle Beach. There's so much signage everyone is competing for attention. It's like a room full of people shouting- no one wins. Here are some critical ones:

(1) Neon (or LED) lining windows should be prohibited in all districts. It's a terrible look. 20-14(6) doesn't properly limit this.

(2) Internal box lit signs should be prohibited in Dunwoody Village and at Jett Ferry/Mt Vernon area. These cheapen the look of the area. I don't see where these are allowed, but they should be generally prohibited everywhere.

(3) Please do not permit face lit letters in Dunwoody Village. I know businesses will complain, but once you allow them, the look of the area will be negatively impacted. Halo lit gets the job done.

Separate but related, I think the City needs to consider an ordinance on lighting- with maximum brightness and that lights should only wash down, not out. I think of the gas stations at N Peachtree and 285. It's a horrible gateway into the city.

Best,

Joe

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JOSEPH D. MARTINEZ

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Purpose and Intent

ARTICLE I. - INTRODUCTION AND HOW TO USE THIS SIGN CODE

Sec. 20-1. Purpose and Intent

The City Council finds that signs provide an important medium through which persons may convey a variety of noncommercial and commercial messages. However, left completely unregulated, the number, size, design characteristics, and locations of signs in the City can become a threat to public safety as a traffic hazard, a detriment to property values and to the City's general public welfare, and create an aesthetic nuisance. The City further finds that signs have become excessive, and that many signs are distracting and dangerous to motorists and pedestrians, and substantially detract from the beauty and appearance of the City. The City finds that there is a substantial need directly related to the public health, safety, and welfare to comprehensively address these concerns through the adoption of the following regulations.

The City further finds that there is a substantial difference between signs erected by public authority and signs erected by private citizens or businesses. Signs erected by public authority are virtually all erected for the purpose of maintaining the public safety either through direct control of traffic or through provision of such type signage as street signs which enable the traveling public to know where they are located and to find where they are going. As such, with the exception of signs identifying government buildings, virtually all government signs are erected purely for public safety purposes. Moreover, their use in the public right-of-way is necessary to ensure their visibility to the motoring public. The Mayor and Council finds that public utility signs are frequently of the same nature as those signs erected by governmental entities in that they provide necessary information to safeguard the public from downed power lines and from street excavations. Even where signs serve a propriety purpose, such as identifying markings on utility poles, public utility signs are marked primarily for the purpose of benefiting the public generally through identification of locations where there may be temporary losses of power.

The City finds that some signage has a single targeted function and that identification of such signs by description is impossible without referring to its function. For instance, address numerals are used for the sole purpose of locating addresses, which is of benefit to those persons looking for those addresses and is essential to public safety personnel responding to emergencies. Signs at the entrances to common developments favor a similar purpose in enabling both the traveling public and emergency personnel to quickly locate entrances for the purpose of either visitation or responding to emergency calls or where the State authorizes the department of agriculture to regulate the display of retail fuel station pricing and for the best interest of the public to advertise said prices. While such signage is referenced based upon the function it serves within the context of this chapter, the provisions of this chapter are unrelated to the content of speech provided and allow maximum expressive potential to sign owners.

The purpose and intent of the governing authority of the City in enacting this chapter are as follows:

1. To protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Dunwoody, and to implement the policies and objectives of the comprehensive plan of the City through the enactment of a comprehensive set of regulations governing signs in the City;
2. To regulate the erection and placement of signs in order to provide safe operating conditions for pedestrian and vehicular traffic without unnecessary and unsafe distractions to drivers or pedestrians;

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3. To preserve the value of property on which signs are located and from which signs may be viewed;
4. To maintain an aesthetically attractive City in which signs are compatible with the use patterns of established zoning districts;
5. To maintain for the City's residents, workers and visitors a safe and aesthetically attractive environment and to advance the aesthetic interest of the City;
6. To establish comprehensive sign regulations that effectively balance legitimate business and development needs with a safe and aesthetically attractive environment for residents, workers, and visitors;
7. To provide fair and reasonable opportunities for businesses which are located within the City, and to provide for the identification of the availability of products, goods or services so as to promote the economic vitality of businesses;
8. To ensure the protection of free speech rights under the State of Georgia and United States Constitutions;
9. To establish a permit system to allow specific types of signs in zoning districts consistent with the uses, intent and aesthetic characteristics of those districts;
10. To allow certain signs that are small, safe, unobtrusive on lots, subject to the substantive requirements of this chapter but without a requirement for permits;
11. To provide for temporary signs in limited circumstances;
12. To place reasonable controls on nonconforming signs that are by definition contrary to the public health, safety and welfare while protecting the constitutional rights of the owners of said nonconforming signs; and
13. To provide for the maintenance of signs, and to provide for the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 20-2. **Applicability**

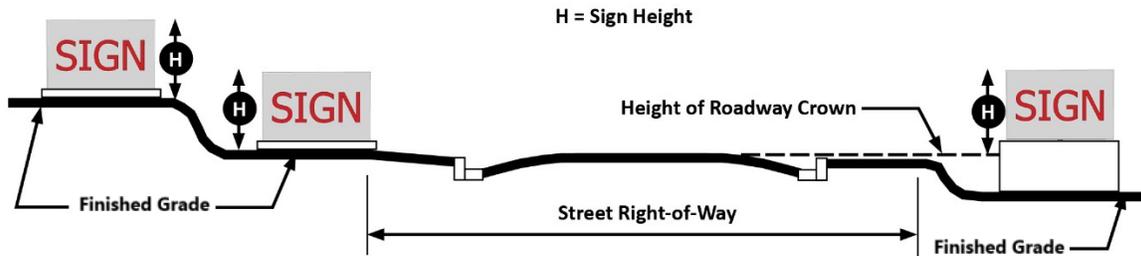
The provisions of this article shall apply to all signs erected within the corporate limits of the City that are directed to be viewed from the outdoors. All erection, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, moving, altering, or converting of signs in the City shall be performed in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

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How to Measure Sign Dimensions

Sec. 20-3. How to Measure Sign Dimensions

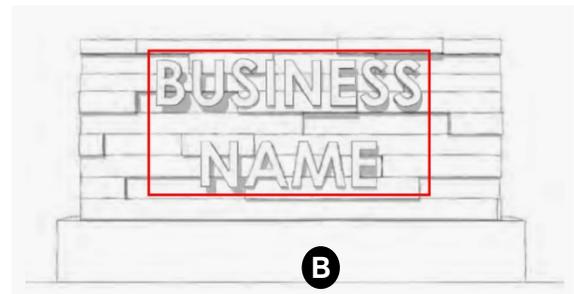
a. Sign Height Measurement



1. The height of a sign shall be measured from the finished grade (as defined in Dunwoody Code Sec. 27-621 – Terms Defined), which shall not be raised so as to create additional sign height, or the height of the roadway crown of the adjacent street which the sign faces, whichever is higher, to the highest point of the sign structure, including the bracket, supports, and any sign face surrounds. The above diagram illustrates sign height measurement.
2. All sign height standards herein shall be considered as measured above grade.

b. Sign Area Measurement

1. For signs on a background, the entire area of the framework or background of the sign is calculated as the sign area, including any material or color forming the sign face or background used to differentiate the sign from the sign structure against which it is placed. (See diagram “A” below).
2. For signs consisting of freestanding letters or features attached to a wall, the sign area is calculated as the total area of the smallest hypothetical square, rectangle, triangle, or circle surrounding all letters or features. (See diagram “B” below). Sign area does not include any supporting framework or bracing unless such framework or bracing is part of the message or sign face. (See diagram “A” below).
- 3.



4. For window signs, including neon window signs, the total sign area is measured by multiplying the full width of the overall sign copy, including the lettering, logo, and graphics, by the overall height of the sign copy in a rectangular manner, regardless of the arrangement of the copy.

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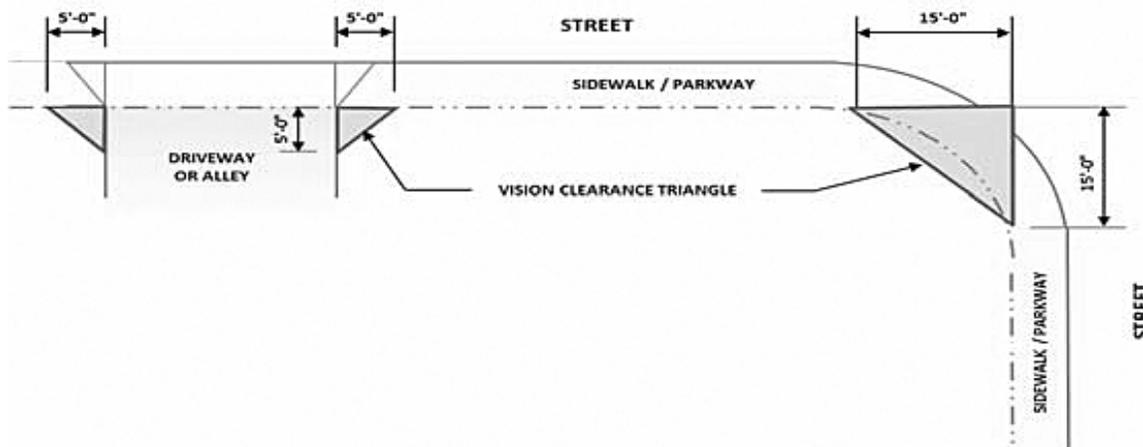
5. When two sign faces are placed back-to-back, so that both faces cannot be viewed from any one point at the same time and are part of the same sign structure and are not more than 24 inches at its furthest distance apart, the sign area shall be computed by the measurement of the face with the largest sign area.

Sec. 20-4. Sign Location

- a. Signs shall not be situated so that they interfere with the movement or visibility for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, or in any way obstructs views of traffic signals and other traffic devices.

Signs and their supporting structures shall not interfere with public utility equipment or communication lines/equipment that are either above or below the grade.

- b. At a minimum, signs shall not be located within the vision clearance triangle. The vision clearance triangle means the triangular area adjacent to the intersection of any street established by measuring a distance of 15 feet from the point of intersection of two streets along the right-of-way of each of the intersecting streets, or a distance of 5 feet from the point of intersection of a street and a driveway and connecting the ends of each measured distance to assure adequate visibility sight lines for vehicular traffic approaching the intersection. *Exception:* Wall signs and any other signs that are placed flat against a building wall are not subject to this requirement.



Sec. 20-5. Landscaping Requirement

An area around the base of each ground-mounted sign equal to the sign face area must be landscaped to improve the overall appearance of the sign and to reduce the risk of vehicles colliding with the sign or its supports. Landscaping must include natural vegetation and may include other materials and components such as brick or concrete bases or planter boxes. Within the vision clearance triangle, landscaping shall include only grass and/or a mulched landscape bed of annual plantings that do not grow higher than 24 inches.

Sec. 20-6. Owner’s Consent Required

No sign may be permitted or posted on property without the consent of the property's owner or authorized agent. Should it be determined that a sign was erected on a lot pursuant to an alleged agent's incorrect representation that the record owner of the lot in fact gave permission for the erection of a sign, or otherwise in violation of the requirement in this Section, the permit for such sign shall be revoked as set forth in Sec. 20-32 of this sign code.

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Sign Maintenance

Sec. 20-7. Sign Maintenance

All signs shall be maintained in safe and good structural condition, in compliance with all applicable building and electrical codes, and in conformance with this chapter at all times. Such maintenance includes replacement of all defective bulbs, parts, materials, painting, repainting, cleaning, and other acts required for maintenance of erected signs. If any sign does not comply with the above maintenance and repair standards, the City shall require its removal as set forth in Sec. 20-9 of this sign code.

Sec. 20-8. Building Code Compliance

To the extent that it is not inconsistent with this chapter, and except for administrative and permitting provisions of this sign ordinance, the present edition of the Standard Building Code, National Electric Code and other building and construction codes as adopted and modified by the City and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs are incorporated as a part of this chapter as if fully restated herein for the same purposes stated in Sec. 20-1 hereof and for the same purposes for which the International Building Code was promulgated and enacted, which purposes are expressly incorporated herein.

Sec. 20-9. Removal of Unsafe, Unlawful, or Abandoned Signs

- a. Within 30 days of the date of written notice by the City, the owner, person, or firm maintaining a sign shall correct violations when a sign becomes unsafe, is in danger of falling, or it is determined by the City to be a nuisance in accordance with Dunwoody Code Ch. 22 – Nuisances, or it is deemed unsafe by the City or it is unlawfully erected in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. Necessary actions to correct violations may include, but are not limited, to making repairs or removing the sign.
- b. The City may remove or cause to be removed the sign at the expense of the property owner or authorized agent in the event that the owner or the person or firm maintaining the sign has not complied with the terms of the notice within 30 days of the date of the notice. In the event of immediate danger, the City may remove the sign immediately.
- c. Sign faces must be covered or removed once a property is vacated for 30 days.

Sec. 20-10. Permits

Except for those signs set forth herein which may be erected without obtaining a permit, every person desiring to erect a sign shall first obtain a sign permit and all other permits required for the desired structure in accordance with City ordinances.

Sec. 20-11. Sign Contractor's License and Insurance

To erect a sign, a contractor must provide documentation in the form of an occupational tax certificate and a certificate of insurance. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of erecting or maintaining signs within the City unless and until such entity shall have obtained an occupation tax certificate in the state and a certificate of insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the state evidencing that the entity has in effect public liability and property damage insurance in the sum of \$25,000.00 for property damage for any one claim, and public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$100,000.00 for injuries, including accidental death to one person. The certificate of insurance shall state that the insurance carrier shall notify the City not less than 30 days in advance of any termination and/or restriction of the coverage, including nonrenewal, cancellation, and nonpayment of any premium. If the business has comparable insurance from another city or county in Georgia, the installer's insurance provider shall provide a current certificate of insurance to the City, prior to the installation of signage. *Exception:* Limited duration signs are not subject to the provisions of this Sec. 20-11.

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Non-Commercial Messages

Sec. 20-12. Non-Commercial Messages

Any sign provided for in any zoning district may contain non-commercial messages, unless expressly restricted in other sections of the code.

Sec. 20-13. Signage in Planned Development (PD) Districts

For signage proposed as part of a Planned Development (PD) district, an applicant may either:

- (1) submit a signage plan showing all proposed signs in the planned development for approval as part of the PD approval process set forth in Sec. 27-87; or
- (2) submit any proposed signs for review and approval by the community development director, and the community development director shall review the signs in accordance with the standards set forth herein for the zoning classification that would most closely align with that of the uses associated with the sign(s) proposed in the PD.

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Prohibited Signs

ARTICLE II. - PROHIBITED AND EXEMPT SIGNS

Sec. 20-14. Prohibited Signs

Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, the following signs are prohibited within the City:

- a. Dilapidated signs, including sign structures.
- b. Animated signs, including balloons, streamers, air or gas filled figures, signs that move mechanically as a result of human activity, wherever located.
- c. Beacon signs/search lights.
- d. Electronic message signs, changeable copy signs, and electronic signs. *Exception:* As expressly permitted in Sec. 20-18, 20-26, and 20-28 herein below.
- e. Multi-faced signs (more than two sides) and tri-vision signs.
- f. Neon (or LED tube or rope lighting resembling neon) window signs larger than 3 square feet in total area.
- g. Pole signs and pylon signs. *Exception:* Wayfinding signs, drive-through signs, freestanding hanging signs, and temporary banner signs may be permitted as set forth herein below.
- h. Portable signs. *Exception:* Signs mounted, wrapped or painted on a moving vehicle are permitted so long as the vehicle is currently being utilized for a properly licensed business and, whenever parked and not utilized for said business, is parked at a designated service/loading and unloading area or at the furthest-available parking space from a right-of-way. Alternatively, such a vehicle may be parked behind the business to which it relates if to do so minimizes the view of the portable sign by the public.
- i. Signs on public rights-of-way other than publicly owned or maintained signs and signs pertaining to railroad crossings.
- j. Signs that contain words, pictures, or statements which are obscene.
- k. Signs that visually simulate an official traffic control device, warning sign, or regulatory sign or which hide from view any traffic control device, signal, or public service sign.
- l. Signs that emit or utilize in any manner any sound capable of being detected on any traveled road or highway by a person with normal hearing abilities.
- m. Signs that interfere with road or highway visibility or obstruct or otherwise interfere with the safe and orderly movement of traffic or which otherwise pose a hazard to traffic due to structural deficiencies in the structure of such signs.
- n. Signs erected by nailing, fastening, or affixing the sign in any manner to any tree, curb, utility pole, natural feature, fence, street sign, or other structure other than wall signs as permitted herein. *Exception:* Does not apply to temporary banner signs.
- o. Signs attached to a fire escape or that obstruct any fire escape, any means of egress or ventilation or shall prevent free passage from one part of a roof to any other part thereof.
- p. Signs that do not conform to City or State building and electrical codes.
- q. Any sign that is structurally unsound or is a hazard to traffic or pedestrians.
- r. Any sign that changes color(s), flashes, blinks, oscillates, or intimates movement through lighting effect(s) or the use of video display of any kind, and in any way visible from the right-of-way.

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Signs Exempt from Permit Requirements

Each individual panel of glass the aggregate of multiple panels in a storefront? May need to clarify as this could be difficult to understand.

- s. A roof sign on a building under 40 feet in total height.

Sec. 20-15. Signs Exempt from Permit Requirements

While the following signs do not require a permit, they are not exempt from any applicable standards of this chapter and shall be subject to all applicable regulations hereunder:

- a. Painted signs, decals, or other signs located directly inside or on the window and/or door of the ground floor of a commercial use, if less than 30 percent of the area of a windowpane.
- b. Door signs if less than 3 square feet in total area and not more than one sign per door.
- c. Yard Signs – Small. See applicable regulations herein below.
- d. Address placards with a maximum character height of 3 inches in residential districts and 12 inches in non-residential districts and that are erected for the sole purpose of displaying street numbers as may be required by other ordinances, and other signs required by law.
- e. Flags of any fabric or bunting containing colors, patterns, or symbols; attached to a flagpole as a freestanding structure, or a structure attached to a building or to the roof of a building, on a parcel of record and used for the sole purpose of displaying flags, the height of which shall be measured from the average grade. See applicable regulations herein below.
- f. Non-governmental traffic control and directional devices located entirely on private property and consistent with those found in the manual of uniform traffic control devices in or adjacent to parking areas, and driveways and warning signs located at railroad crossings.
- g. Government mandated signs in compliance with the manual of uniform traffic control devices that comply with the requirements of state law for such signs placed or required to be placed by a government entity.
- h. Drive-through signs placed adjacent to a commercial drive through, with a maximum of four such signs per property, so long as any ground-mounted drive-through sign does not exceed 18 square feet and any wall-mounted drive-through sign does not exceed nine square feet, as well as associated panel exchanges.
- i. Sandwich boards. See applicable regulations herein below.
- j. Temporary banner sign for a new business for 60 days prior to the installation of a permanent sign. See applicable regulations herein below.
- k. One neon (or LED tube or rope lighting resembling neon) window sign not larger than 3 square feet in total area per individual tenant suite. No blinking shall be allowed.

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Defined Sign Terms**ARTICLE III. - SIGN TERMS & TYPES****Sec. 20-16. Defined Sign Terms**

In addition to the sign types defined below in this chapter, the following defined terms are used in this chapter:

- a. **Abandoned or Dilapidated Sign:** Any sign that contains or exhibits broken panels, visible rust, visible rot, damaged support structures, holes on or in the sign structure, broken, missing, loose, or bent parts, faded, or flaking paint, non-operative or partially non-operative illumination or mechanical devices or which is otherwise dilapidated, unsightly, unkempt, or which is located on a property or business without an occupational tax certificate.
- b. **Animated Sign:** Any sign that includes action or motion.
- c. **Common Development:** A parcel or combination of parcels which share a common development plan, or that are dependent upon one another for access, parking, or utilities.
- d. **Door Sign:** An impermanent sign no greater than 3 square feet erected on a door.
- e. **Drive-through Sign:** Any sign located next to a drive-through window or in a drive-through aisle.
- f. **Electronic Message Center (EMC):** An electrically activated changeable copy sign having variable message and/or graphic presentation capability that can be electronically programmed by computer or handheld device from a remote location.
- g. **Flag:** A piece of cloth with distinctive colors or patterns that constitutes the official representation of a governmental or private entity.
- h. **Gasoline Station Pump-Island Sign:** A sign located under a canopy and on top of the pump islands of a service station or convenience store with gas pumps.
- i. **Main Entrance:** The entrance of a building that is intended to be the primary public pedestrian access into and out of the building.
- j. **Parapet:** A low wall or protective barrier that extends vertically above the roof or uppermost floor of a building or other structure.
- k. **Pole Sign:** A permanent sign that is mounted on a freestanding pole or other support that is placed on, or anchored in, the ground and that is independent from any building or other structure.
- l. **Portable Sign:** Any sign not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure; or a sign designed to be transported, including, but not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of wheels; balloons used as signs; and signs attached to or painted on vehicles while visible from the public right-of-way, except as provided herein. For the purposes of this chapter, sandwich board signs, banners and pole banners as prescribed herein are not considered portable signs.
- m. **Primary Vehicle Entrance:** The entrance that provides vehicular access to a property from a street that is intended to be the main vehicular entrance serving the building or common development.
- n. **Side Façade:** The elevations of a building that are located between the front elevation and the rear elevation.
- o. **Sign:** A device, fixture, placard, structure, or representation that uses any color, form, graphic, illumination, symbol or writing for visual communication, which is used for the purpose of bringing the subject thereof to the attention of others and is directed to be viewed from any outdoor space. For purposes of this chapter, the term "sign" shall include the structure upon which a sign face is located. Flags and banners shall be included within this definition only as provided elsewhere herein.
- p. **Temporary Sign:** Any sign, banner, pennant, or advertising display intended to be displayed for a limited time period.

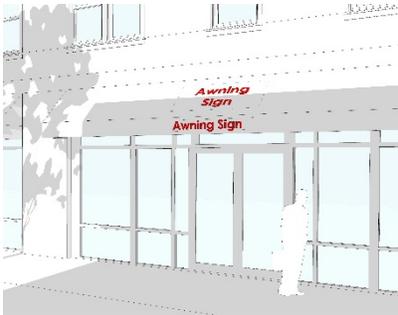
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Defined Sign Types

Sec. 20-17. Defined Sign Types

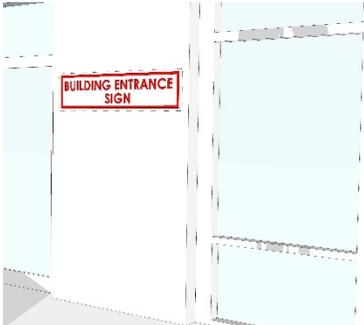
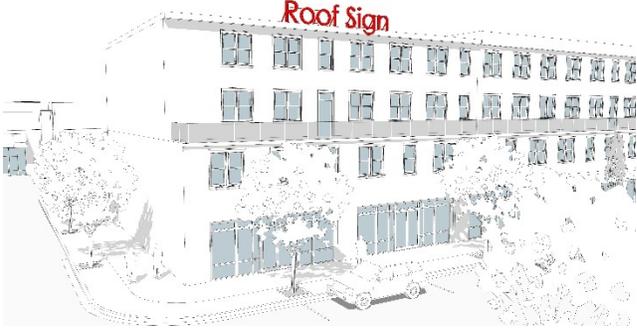
The following general sign types are allowed on private property within the City according to the standards and subject to all requirements set forth herein: (a) building mounted signs; (b) ground mounted signs; (c) window signs; and (d) limited duration signs. Signs related to events in public places are governed by Dunwoody Code Sec. 26-279 – Pole Banners. Sign subtypes are defined and illustrated within each general sign type below. Sign lighting types are also defined and illustrated below the sign type tables.

a. Building Mounted Signs

Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
Projecting Signs	Any sign which projects outward from a building or other structure and extends more than 24 inches horizontally from the plane of the building wall. The signage area must not be parallel to the building.	
Wall Signs	Any sign attached parallel/flat to a wall, painted on the wall surface, or erected and confined within the limits of an outside wall of any building or structure, which is supported by such wall or building, and which displays only one sign surface.	
Awning Signs	Any sign painted on, or applied to, an awning. Lettering, logos, or symbols are permitted on the valance and sloping portion.	

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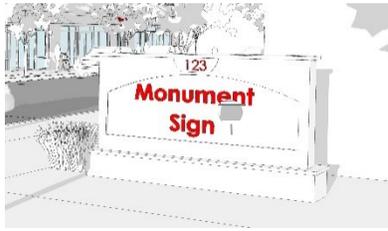
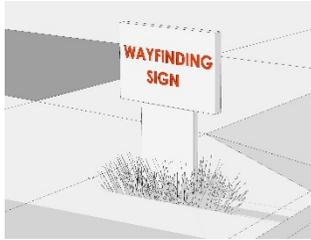
Building Mounted Signs

Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
<p>Canopy Signs</p>	<p>Any sign that is part of or attached to a canopy.</p>	
<p>Painted Wall Mural Signs</p>	<p>A large picture/image (including but not limited to painted art) which is painted, constructed, or affixed directly onto a vertical building wall, which may or may not contain text, logos, and/or symbols.</p>	
<p>Building Entrance Wall Signs</p>	<p>A sign that is located on a wall immediately adjacent to the entrance of a building.</p>	
<p>Roof Signs</p>	<p>A sign attached to or supported by the roof of a multi-story building, or a sign that extends into and/or above the immediately adjacent roof line of the building irrespective of attachment point, or a sign that wholly or partially encroaches upon any roof line of a building, or a sign attached to, encroaching into or extending above the sloping phase of a mansard roof or faux mansard roof, or any combination thereof.</p>	

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Ground Mounted Signs

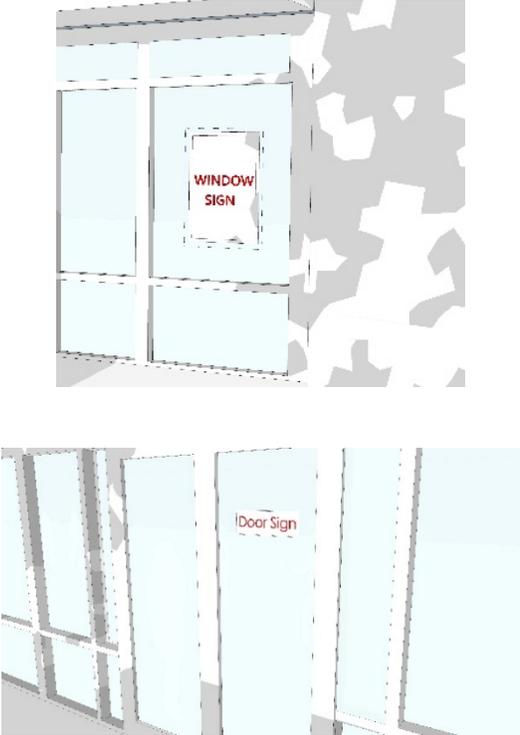
b. **Ground Mounted Signs**

Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
<p>Monument Sign</p>	<p>A two-sided sign attached to a permanent foundation or fastened to a base and not attached or dependent upon any structure, pole, post or similar support.</p>	
<p>Residential Monument Sign</p>	<p>A monument sign, containing only one sign face, erected at the entrance to a residential common development from public right-of-way not included within that development.</p>	
<p>Wayfinding Signs</p>	<p>Signs that facilitate the movement of traffic throughout the development.</p>	
<p>Freestanding Hanging Signs</p>	<p>A sign which is not attached to a building and which hangs from a support structure attached to a supporting structure attached to the ground.</p>	

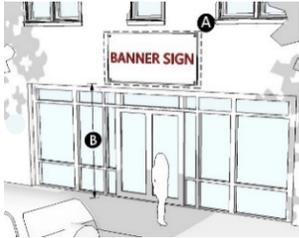
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Window & Door Signs

c. Window & Door Signs

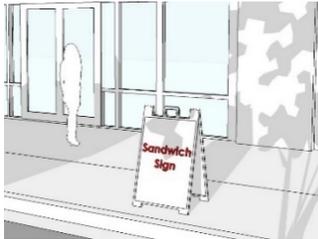
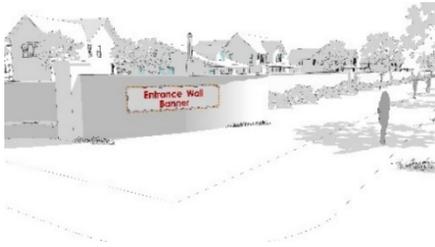
Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
<p>Window and Door Sign</p>	<p>Any sign that is placed on or in the panes of glass of a window opening or door that is either inside or outside a building containing a non-residential use and is oriented to be viewed from the exterior of the structure.</p> <p>Customary displays of merchandise behind a store window are not considered window signs.</p> <p>Any sign within 60 inches of the inside surface of a window and facing the outside will count toward the allotment of total permitted window signage.</p>	

d. Limited Duration Signs

Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
<p>Banner Sign</p>	<p>A sign with or without characters, letters, illustrations, or ornamentations applied to flexible material.</p>	
<p>Patio Umbrella Sign</p>	<p>Any lettering or symbol that is printed, painted, or affixed to a table or patio umbrella.</p>	

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Limited Duration Signs

Sign Type	Definition	Example Graphic
Sandwich Board Sign	A single or double-faced, hinged or un-hinged, temporary sign designed to be used on a sidewalk or pedestrian way.	
Yard Signs	A type of non-permanent, sign that is located on private property that can be displayed for a limited duration of time.	
Entrance Wall Banner	An impermanent sign erected at the entrance to a residential common development which may be affixed to a common development wall sign, to a wall, to a fence, or may be freestanding. These signs may not be erected at the entrances to individual residences.	

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Gasoline/EV Charging Station Pump-Island Signs

Sec. 20-18. Gasoline/EV Charging Station Pump-Island Signs

In addition to the sign types otherwise allowed in this chapter, gasoline and/or electric vehicle charging stations with pump/charging station islands may have signage located under a canopy and on top of the pump/charging station islands of a service station or convenience store with gas pumps, subject to the following limitations:

- a. Within the limits of the canopy covering the pump islands, one sign of a maximum area of 6 square feet each per canopy face facing a street frontage.
- b. Within the limits of the canopy covering the pump islands, pump-island signs shall be limited to no more than two signs per island, not to exceed 4 square feet per sign; provided, however, total square footage of all pump island signs shall not exceed 24 square feet.
- c. If a separate accessory drive-through car wash building is located on site, one additional wall sign, not to exceed 5 square feet per sign, is permitted. In addition, one additional drive-through sign is permitted adjacent to each customer drive-through lane (if applicable). That drive-through sign may not exceed 18 square feet if ground-mounted or 9 square feet if wall-mounted.
- d. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in accordance with state law, changeable copy signs are allowable when accessory to a service station as follows: fuel pricing information shall be a fixed; non-intermittent, static message with no wipes, fades, flashes or similar effects; LED, LCD, and/or electronic lighting is permissible for fuel pricing only.
- e. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LCD panel or LED backlit video screens embedded in pumps/charging stations are permitted so long as they are no larger than 21 inches measured diagonally.

Sec. 20-19. Address Placards

When address numerals in residential districts are located on a placard, the placard shall be no larger than 3 square feet. Address placards may be indirectly illuminated for purposes of more easily identifying the address for safety and convenience purposes.

Sec. 20-20. Flags and Flag Poles

- a. A property shall not have more than four flag poles. *Exception:* Flag poles located on properties used for a quasi-public/institutional use may have more than four flag poles.
- b. All flags shall be displayed on a flagpole or according to recognized flag etiquette and may be indirectly illuminated. In non-residential districts, flagpoles shall not exceed the maximum building height applicable for the zoning district, or 60 feet, whichever is less. Flagpoles in residential districts shall not exceed the lesser of 25 feet in height or the height of the primary structure on the lot.

The maximum dimensions of any flag shall be proportional to the flagpole height as set forth in the following table. The hoist side of the flag shall not exceed 20 percent of the vertical height of the flagpole when ground mounted.

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Electronic Message Center (EMC) and Manual Changeable Copy

Pole Height (Max.) (ft.)	Flag Size (Max.) (sq. ft.)
Up to 25	24
25—39	40
40—49	60
50—60	96

Sec. 20-21. Electronic Message Center (EMC) and Manual Changeable Copy

a. Electronic message centers shall be permitted as a component of gasoline station signage, quasi-public/institutional uses, and in the Perimeter Center Overlay Districts in accordance with the following standards:

1. No sign containing an electronic message center shall be located within 125 feet of any signalized intersection as measured from the point where the existing right-of-way lines of the intersecting streets meet. In a case where a rounded or cut property corner exists, this measurement shall be taken from the point of the intersection of the existing rights-of-way lines, as extended. The distance shall be measured along the right-of-way line from the point of intersection. (See graphic illustration above.)



- 2. Any electronic message center that is located within 300 feet of any residential use must automatically turn off between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. daily.
- 3. An electronic message sequence must remain static for a minimum of 10 seconds before the next message appears.
- 4. An electronic message sequence must be accomplished by means of fading or dissolving but shall not scroll, travel or flash. A transition sequence must be completed in no less than 8 seconds.
- 5. No portion of any sign may change its message or background in a manner or by a method of display characterized by motion, other than fading or dissolving, or pictorial imagery or depicts action or a special effect to imitate movement, or the presentation of pictorials or graphics displayed in a progression of frames that give the illusion of motion or the illusion of moving objects, moving patterns or bands of light or expanding or contracting shapes.
- 6. Electronic message centers shall be designed to either freeze the display in one static position, display a full black screen, or turn off in the event of a malfunction.
- 7. Lighting of electronic message signs is limited to 0.3 footcandles above ambient conditions as measured at the following distances:

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Sign area (Sq ft.)	Distance (ft.)
≤ 100	100
101 – 300	150
> 300	200

- 8. Portable electronic message signs are prohibited. No electronic message center shall be permitted to be included as part of any limited duration sign.
- b. Manual changeable copy signs are permitted only when integrated into signage for a quasi-public/institutional use or as permitted for a gasoline station.

Sec. 20-22. Construction Fence Wrap

- a. Wraps are allowed on fences securing construction sites for the duration of the construction activity.
- b. The wrap must be removed prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
- c. The fence wrap must be maintained in good condition and be properly attached to the fence.
- d. Messages, logos, renderings, or similar information may not exceed 40 percent of the total area of the fence wrap.

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ARTICLE IV. - SIGN LIGHTING TYPES

Certain sign types may be illuminated as indicated herein. The type of lighting depends on the sign type and district in which it is located as set forth herein. The following defines and provides example depictions of the various sign lighting types used in this chapter.

Sign Lighting Type	Definition	Example Graphic
Direct Lighting	A specific style of illumination where the source of light is internal and integral to the sign structure and where the resultant illumination radiates out in the direction of the viewer. This designation includes face-lighted channel letters and sign panels with routed and push-through graphics (backlit).	
Internal Box Lighting	Signs that use a lightbox configuration where a light fixture is inside a box with the front surface consisting of a translucent panel that becomes illuminated on which information is displayed.	
Shadow/Halo Lighting	A specific style of illumination where the sign face and returns are mounted on standoffs away from the wall which project illumination to the wall surface giving the sign a halo effect. In some instances, lighting that creates a shadow/halo effect may be located on the interior of the lettering – this is permissible if the light radiation is not visible on the front surface of lettering, logos, or symbols, and the front is entirely opaque.	
Indirect Lighting	A specific style of illumination where the source of light is external to, and independent of, the sign structure, and the illumination radiates toward the message area away from the viewer. This includes goose neck, linear sign lights, and ground mounted spotlights.	

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ARTICLE V. - SIGN STANDARDS

The appropriate sign type, dimension, location, and lighting type are determined by applicable district. For purposes of this chapter, zoning districts are categorized as Residential Districts (all R, RA, RM, DV-3 districts), Office Districts (O-I, O-I-T, O-D, OCR), Commercial and Industrial Districts (NS, C-1, CR-1, C-2, M, DV-1, DV-2, DV-4), the Perimeter Center Overlay District. Additionally, due to their unique situation in the city, this chapter includes specific standards for quasi-public/institutional uses.

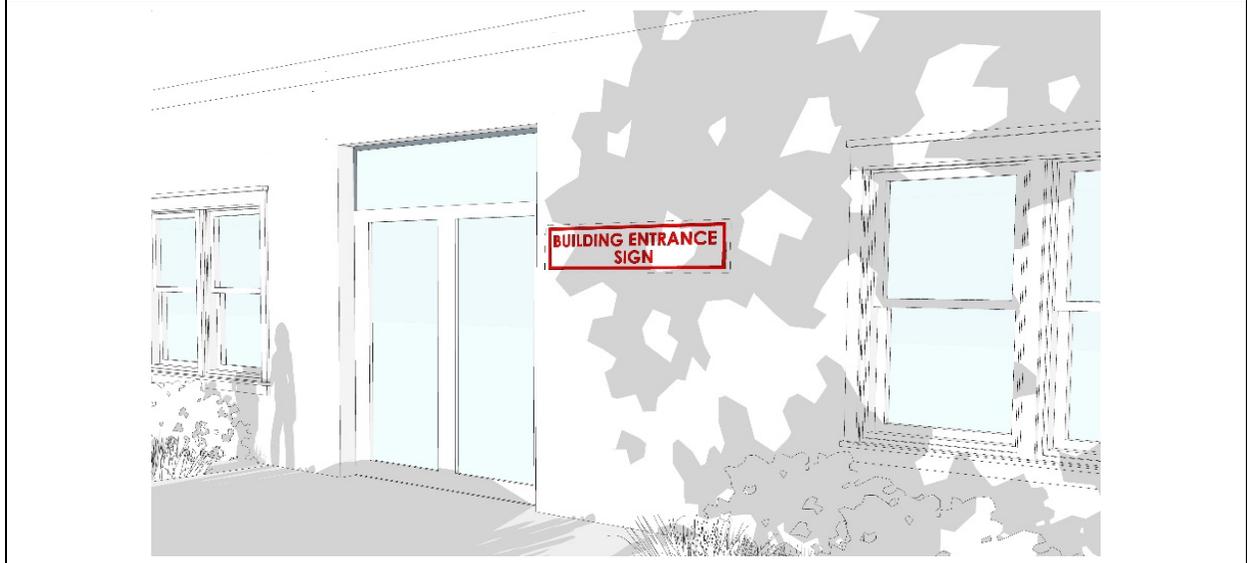
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(a) RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT MONUMENT SIGN			
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	R	RA	RM, DV-3
Total Sign Count	Two per common development entrance - each situated on either side of primary vehicular entrance.	Two per common development entrance - each situated on either side of primary vehicular entrance.	Two per common development entrance situated on either side of primary vehicular entrance; one sign per secondary vehicular entrance not greater than 40% of the allowable dimensions of a primary entrance sign.
Sign Area	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> A 32 sq. ft. Max. </div>		
Total Sign Height	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> B 8 ft. Max. </div>		
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.		
Sign Base Materials	Brick or natural stone		
Illumination Types	Indirect; shadow/halo		
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min.		

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(b) BUILDING ENTRANCE WALL SIGN



STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	R	RA	RM, DV-3
Total Sign Count	None Permitted	None Permitted	1 per building entrance
Total Sign Area			4 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height			6 ft. Max. (as measured from the door threshold to the top of the sign)
Sign Face Materials			Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Illumination Types			Indirect; shadow/halo

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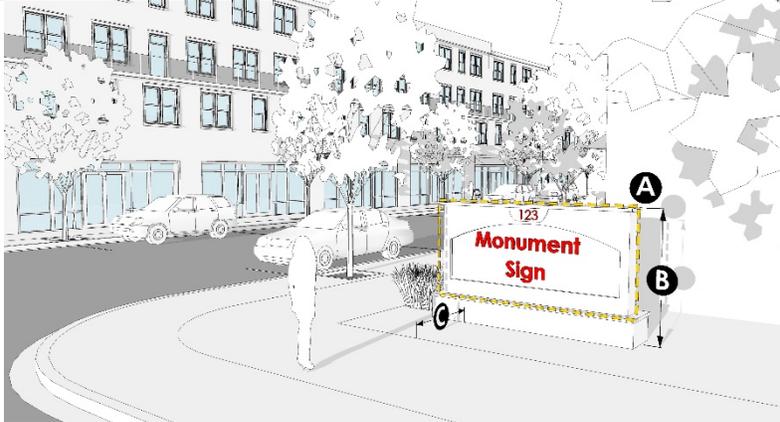
(c) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS				
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	R	RA	RM, DV-3	
YARD SIGN – SMALL				
Total Sign Count	5 Max.		1 Max. per building; total of 5 Max. signs per common development	
Total Sign Area Per Lot	30 sq. ft. Max.		30 sq. ft. Max.	
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.			
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.			
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Setback from R.O.W.	3 ft. Min.			
YARD SIGN – LARGE				
Total Sign Count			2 Max.	
Location			Within 100 ft. of primary vehicular entrance	
Total Sign Area	Not Permitted		12 sq. ft. Max.	
Total Sign Height			6 ft. Max.	
Materials (sign and supports)			Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, or wood face	
Illumination Types			Not Permitted	
Setback from R.O.W.			5 ft. Min.	
ENTRANCE WALL BANNER				
Location		Main common development entrance only (not on individual residences)		
Total Sign Area	30 sq. ft. Max.			
Total Sign Height	Not higher than entrance wall, wall, or fence; 6 ft. Max if freestanding			
Materials (sign and supports)	Cloth or vinyl			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Setback from R.O.W.	Same as entrance wall, wall, or fence if affixed on entrance wall, wall, or fence; 5 ft. Min. if freestanding			
Duration	Permitted for a duration no longer than 2 months total each calendar year			

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Sign Standards: Office Districts (O-I, O-I-T, O-D, OCR, DV-2)

Sec. 20-24. Sign Standards: Office Districts (O-I, O-I-T, O-D, OCR, DV-2)

Where a single building is located on a property, a property owner or authorized agent may choose from any two different permanent sign types listed below. Where multiple buildings are located on a property as part of a common development, a property owner or authorized agent may choose one building mounted sign per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable, and one ground mounted sign per vehicular entrance.

(a) MONUMENT SIGN					
					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	1 Max., or 1 Max. per frontage if located on a corner lot up to a maximum of 2				None Permitted
Sign Area A	32 sq. ft. Max.				
Total Sign Height B	8 ft. Max.				
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone; metal with raised letters or applied vinyl letters; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.				
Sign Base Materials	Brick or natural stone base; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.				
EMC	Not Permitted				
Lighting	Indirect; shadow/halo ○				
Setback from R.O.W. C	5 ft. Min.				

Reviewer recommends allowing direct illumination of graphics only. (Background Opaque) - refer to provided exhibit for additional information/rationale.

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(b) WALL SIGN



STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	<p>Single tenant building: Max. of number of building façades facing a street plus one. Limit of one sign per façade. <i>E.g., a corner building could have one wall sign on each street-facing façade and one wall sign on the rear façade facing the parking lot.</i></p> <p>Multi-tenant building: Max. of number of tenant suite façades facing a street plus one. Limit of one sign per tenant suite façade. <i>E.g., a tenant suite at the corner of a building could have one wall sign on each street-facing tenant suite façade and one wall sign on the rear tenant suite façade facing the parking lot.</i></p>				
Sign Face Area A	<p>Single tenant building up to 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the façade the sign is placed onto or up to 120 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Single tenant building greater than 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the façade the sign is placed onto or up to 180 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Multi-tenant building up to 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the tenant suite façade area the sign is placed onto or up to 120 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Multi-tenant building greater than 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the tenant suite façade area the sign is placed onto or up to 180 square feet, whichever is less.</p>				
Materials	Mounted on a raceway; painted directly on wall; supports and wiring components concealed from public view.				
Illumination Types	Indirect, shadow/halo				
Location on Building	9 ft. Min. height; 16 ft. Max. height; except where there are upper floor tenant suites with exterior main pedestrian entrances in which case the lowest point of the sign shall not be higher than one foot above the highest point of the pedestrian entrance.				

Reviewer recommends allowing direct illumination of graphics only. (Background Opaque) - refer to provided exhibit for additional information/rationale.

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Location and Setbacks	Flush with wall not protruding more than 24 inches from wall on which it is affixed.
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(c) PROJECTING SIGN

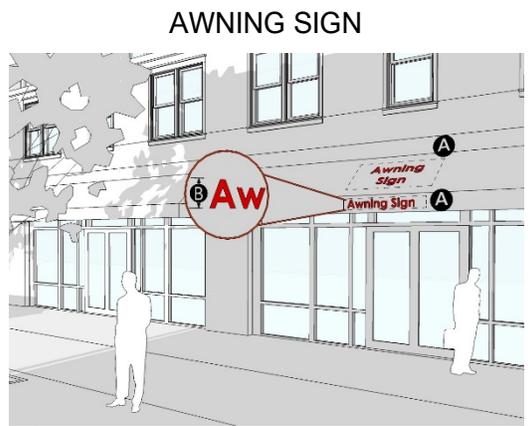
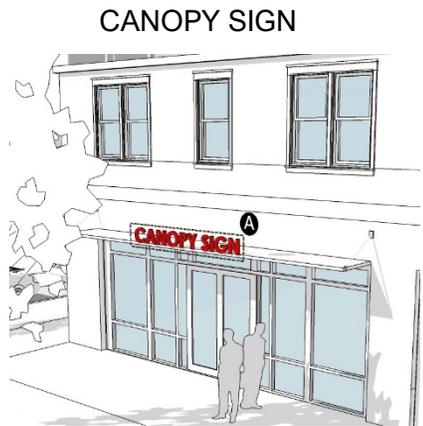


STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	One per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.				
Sign Face Area A	8 sq. ft. Max.				
Location on Building	8 ft. Min. height (lowest point on sign)				
Extension beyond building façade B	4 ft. Max.				
Angle at façade	90 degrees				
Materials	Wood or metal sign face, metal fastening to structure				
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo				

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(d) CANOPY SIGN AND AWNING SIGN



CANOPY SIGNS

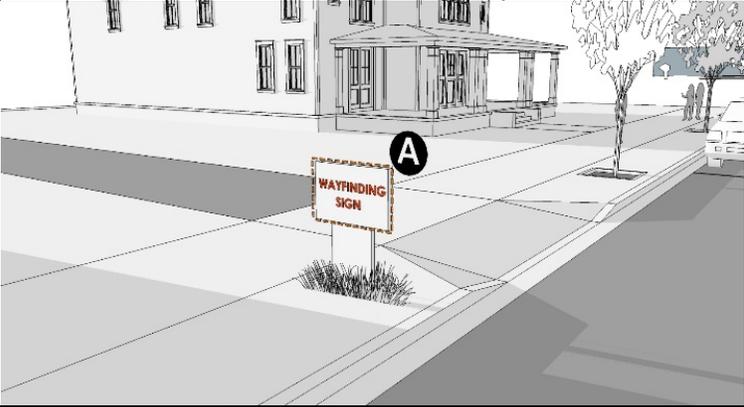
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	One per building at main pedestrian entrance, or one per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.				
Location	Affixed above canopy or on front face of canopy.				
Sign Face / Lettering Area A	If one per building: 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of width of ground floor glazing over which the awning is located. If one building mounted sign per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance: 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of width of tenant suite pedestrian entrance doors.				
Illumination Types	Indirect				

AWNING SIGNS

STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	One per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.				
Sign Face Area (% of awning) A	75% of valance area Max.; 25% sloping portion area Max.				
Materials	Metal supports; vinyl or fabric face				
Illumination Types	Indirect				
Lettering B	Lettering may not extend beyond the awning and a single row of lettering may not cover both the valance and sloping portion.				

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(e) WAYFINDING SIGN					
					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	Max. 2 per curb cut				
Sign Face Area A	6 sq. ft. Max.				
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.				
Supports	Shall be mounted on base of same material as sign.				
Illumination Types	Direct; indirect; shadow/halo				

(f) PAINTED MURAL SIGN					
					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Location and Size	On side façade only not larger than 1/8 of the total façade wall area not including the area of glazing				
Illumination Types	Indirect				

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(g) FREESTANDING HANGING SIGN					
					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
Count	1 Max. per curb cut				
Height and Material	Sign face shall be hanging from wood or metal supports no taller than 5 feet; sign face shall be wood or metal.				
Sign Face Area	8 sq. ft. Max.				
Location	No less than 20 feet from the building pedestrian entrance; not less than 5 feet from the R.O.W.				
Illumination Types	Indirect				

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(h) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS					
(Chose two of any different limited duration signs below at any given time)					
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	O-I	O-I-T	O-D	OCR	DV-2
PATIO UMBRELLA SIGN					
Location	Outdoor dining area and patio area only				
Logo Area	Max. 20% of total umbrella area; every other panel left blank				
Materials	Embroidered or imprinted on canvas or umbrella				
Illumination Types	Not Permitted				
Duration	During business hours only; umbrellas shall be closed after business hours				
YARD SIGN – SMALL					
Count	1 Max. per lot or 1 Max. per tenant suite				
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.				
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.				
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face				
Illumination Types	Not Permitted				
Setback from R.O.W.	3 ft. Min.				
YARD SIGN – LARGE					
Count	1 Max. per lot; 2 Max per common development				
Total Area Per Sign	12 sq. ft. Max.				
Total Sign Height	6 ft. Max.				
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face				
Illumination Types	Not Permitted				
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min.				
TEMPORARY BANNER SIGN					
Count	If attached to the building, then 1 per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance; if attached to a fence, freestanding or retaining wall or ground mounted, then one per property or up to two per common development				
Materials	Cloth or vinyl				
Total Area Per Sign	36 sq. ft. Max.				
Duration	14-day permit up to 6 times per year				
Illumination Types	Not Permitted				

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Commercial and Industrial Districts (NS, C-1, CR-1, C-2, M, DV-1, DV-4)

Sec. 20-25. Commercial and Industrial Districts (NS, C-1, CR-1, C-2, M, DV-1, DV-4)

Where a single building is located on a property, a property owner or authorized agent may choose from any two different permanent sign types listed below. Where multiple buildings are located on a property as part of a common development, a property owner or authorized agent may choose one building mounted sign per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable, and one ground mounted sign per vehicular entrance.

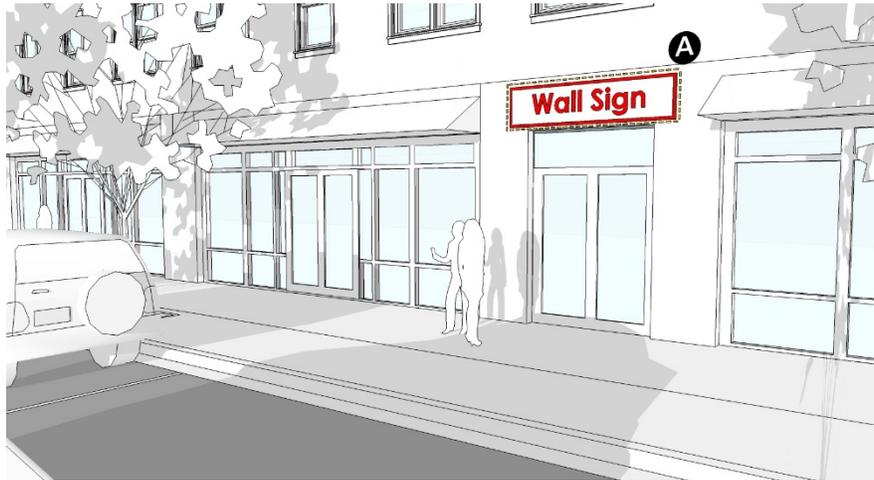
The sign regulations applicable to the C-1 district shall apply to all signage within Dunwoody Village (DV-1 and DV-4 districts); provided, however, that no monument sign shall be located in any street yard of any property within any of the DV-1 and DV-4 districts where the building is located closer than 20 feet to the lot line.

(a) MONUMENT SIGN				
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	1 Max. per curb cut.			
Sign Area (per sign) A	32 sq. ft. Max.			32 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height B	6 ft Max.			8 ft. Max.
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone; metal with raised letters or applied vinyl letters; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.			
Sign Base Materials	Brick or natural stone base, or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.			
EMC	Not Permitted			
Lighting	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo			
Setback from R.O.W. C	5 ft. Min.			

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(b) WALL SIGN



STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	<p>Single tenant building: Max. of number of building façades facing a street plus one. Limit of one sign per façade. <i>E.g., a corner building could have one wall sign on each street-facing façade and one wall sign on the rear façade facing the parking lot.</i></p> <p>Multi-tenant building: Max. of number of tenant suite façades facing a street plus one. Limit of one sign per tenant suite façade. <i>E.g., a tenant suite at the corner of a building could have one wall sign on each street-facing tenant suite façade and one wall sign on the rear tenant suite façade facing the parking lot.</i></p>			
Sign Face Area A	<p>Single tenant building up to 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the façade the sign is placed onto or up to 120 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Single tenant building greater than 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the façade the sign is placed onto or up to 180 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Multi-tenant building up to 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the tenant suite façade area the sign is placed onto or up to 120 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Multi-tenant building greater than 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the tenant suite façade area the sign is placed onto or up to 180 square feet, whichever is less.</p>			
Materials	Mounted on a raceway; painted directly on wall; supports and wiring components concealed from public view			
Illumination Types	Indirect, shadow/halo			
Location on Building	9 ft. Min. height; 16 ft. Max. height.; except where there are upper floor tenant suites with exterior main pedestrian entrances in which case the lowest point of			

Reviewer recommends allowing direct illumination of graphics only. (Background Opaque) - refer to provided exhibit for additional information/rationale.

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	the sign shall not be higher than one foot above the highest point of the pedestrian entrance.
Location and Setbacks	Flush with wall not protruding more than 24 inches from wall on which it is affixed

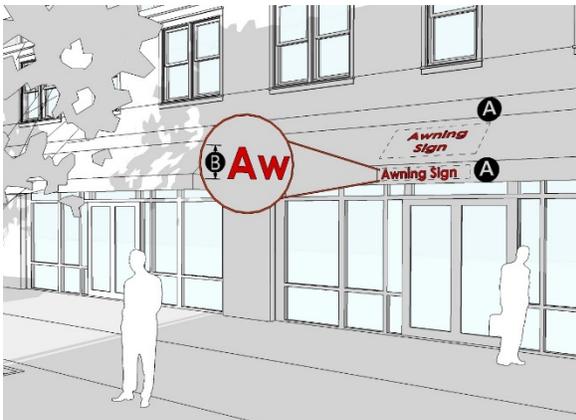
(c) PROJECTING SIGN



STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	One per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.			
Sign Face Area A	8 sq. ft. Max.			
Location on Building B	8 ft. Min. height (lowest point of sign)			
Extension Beyond Building Façade	4 ft. Max.			
Angle at Façade	90 degrees			
Materials	Wood or metal sign face, metal fastening to structure			
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo			

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(d) CANOPY SIGN AND AWNING SIGN				
CANOPY SIGN		AWNING SIGN		
				
CANOPY SIGN				
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	One per building at main pedestrian entrance, or one per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.			
Location	Affixed above canopy			
Sign Face / Lettering Area A	If one per building: 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of width of ground floor glazing over which the awning is located. If one building mounted sign per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance: 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of width of tenant suite pedestrian entrance doors.			
Illumination Types	Indirect			
AWNING SIGN				
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	1 Max. per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.			
Sign Face Area (% of awning) A	75% valance area Max.; 25% sloping portion area Max.			
Materials	Metal supports; vinyl face			
Illumination Types	Indirect			
Lettering B	Lettering may not extend beyond the awning and a single row of lettering may not cover both the valance and sloping portion			

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(e) WAYFINDING SIGN				
				
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	2 Max. per curb cut			
Sign Face Area A	6 sq. ft. Max.			
Sign Total Height	3 ft. Max.			
Supports	Shall be mounted on base of same material as sign			
Illumination Types	Direct; indirect; shadow/halo			

(f) FREESTANDING HANGING SIGN				
				
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Count	1 Max. per curb cut.			
Height and Material	Sign face shall be hanging from wood or metal supports of 5 ft. Max.; sign face shall be wood or metal.			
Sign Face Area	8 sq. ft. Max.			
Illumination Types	Indirect			
Location	No less than 20 feet from the building entrance; 5 ft. Min. from R.O.W.			

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(g) PAINTED MURAL SIGN



STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2 / M
Location and Size	On side façade only, and shall not be larger than 1/8 of the wall area			
Illumination Types	Indirect			

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Commercial and Industrial Districts (NS, C-1, CR-1, C-2, M, DV-1, DV-4)

(h) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS				
(Chose two of any different limited duration signs below at any given time)				
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	NS	C-1, DV-1, DV-4	CR-1	C-2/M
PATIO UMBRELLA SIGN				
Location	Outdoor dining area and patio area only			
Logo Area	20% Max. of total umbrella area; every other panel blank			
Materials	Embroidered or imprinted on canvas or umbrella			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Duration	During business hours only – umbrellas shall be closed after business hours			
SANDWICH BOARD SIGN (1 permitted per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance)				
Sign Face Area (each of two sides)	6 sq. ft. Max.	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	
Location	Permitted where buildings are located on sidewalks only; must be located within 3 ft. of the main entrance			
Board Width	24 inches Max.			
Board Height	36 inches Max.			
Materials	Plastic not permitted			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Duration	During business hours only			
YARD SIGN – SMALL				
Count	1 Max. per lot or 1 Max. per tenant suite			
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.			
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.			
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Setback from R.O.W.	3 ft. Min.			
YARD SIGN – LARGE				
Count	1 Max. per lot; 2 Max. per common development.			
Total Area Per Sign	12 sq. ft. Max.			
Total Sign Height	6 ft. Max.			
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min.			
TEMPORARY BANNER SIGN				
Count	If attached to the building, then 1 per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance; if attached to a fence, wall or ground mounted, then one per property or up to two per common development			
Materials	Cloth or vinyl			
Total Area Per Sign	36 sq. ft. Max.			
Duration	14-day permit up to 6 times per year			
Illumination Types	Not Permitted			

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Perimeter Center – Primary Sign Types

Sec. 20-26. Perimeter Center – Primary Sign Types

Within the Perimeter Center Overlay Districts, the sign types below are categorized as primary sign types or secondary sign types. Each property shall be permitted to choose from two primary sign types. Properties may also install the number of permitted secondary sign types as permitted for each sign type per the listed “count” within each table.

(a) MONUMENT SIGN	
	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Count	2 Max. per vehicular entrance up to 10 Max. per common development
Location	Street yard(s) only
Sign Face Area (per sign) A	36 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height B	6 ft. Max.
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone; metal; glass with raised or applied vinyl letters; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Base Materials	Brick; natural stone; stucco; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Base Height	1 ft. Min. / 3 ft. Max.
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo
Setback from R.O.W. C	10 ft. Min.
EMC	Maximum of 40% of total sign face area may be EMC on up to four total monument signs; EMC prohibited on all others

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(b) WALL SIGN



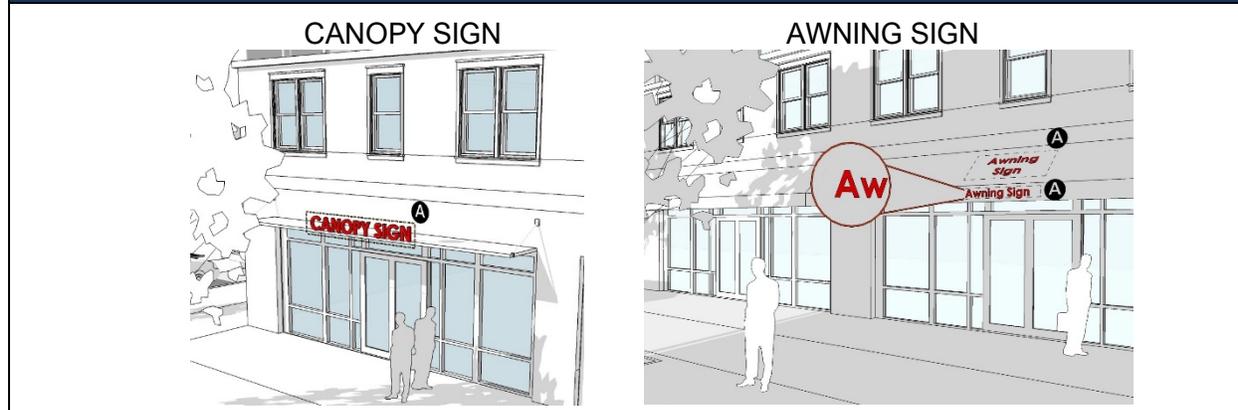
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Count	<p>Single tenant building: Max. of number of building façades facing a street plus one. Limit of one sign per façade. <i>E.g., a corner building could have one wall sign on each street-facing façade and one wall sign on the rear façade facing the parking lot.</i></p> <p>Multi-tenant building: Max. of number of tenant suite façades facing a street plus one. Limit of one sign per tenant suite façade. <i>E.g., a tenant suite at the corner of a building could have one wall sign on each street-facing tenant suite façade and one wall sign on the rear tenant suite façade facing the parking lot.</i></p>
Sign Face Area A	<p>Single tenant building up to 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the façade the sign is placed onto or up to 120 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Single tenant building greater than 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the façade the sign is placed onto or up to 180 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Multi-tenant building up to 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the tenant suite façade area the sign is placed onto or up to 120 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>Multi-tenant building greater than 30,000 square feet: Max. of 10% of façade area of the tenant suite façade area the sign is placed onto or up to 180 square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>High rise construction, buildings over 75 feet: For every 1 foot of building height, 1.5 square feet Max. of sign area per sign is permitted on the parapet to be located on the upper portion of the building, which will be considered the top 25% of the building’s height. Two signs Max. shall be permitted on the two most prominent building elevations.</p>
Materials	<p>Mounted on a raceway; raised letters affixed directly on wall; supports and wiring components concealed from public view - routed push-through displays are permitted.</p>

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Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo
Sign Location on Building	9 ft. Min. height above grade; 24 ft. Max. height above grade; except where there are upper floor tenant suites with exterior main pedestrian entrances in which case the lowest point of the sign shall not be higher than one foot above the highest point of the pedestrian entrance.
Location and Setbacks	Flush with wall not protruding more than 24 inches from wall on which it is affixed

(c) AWNING AND CANOPY SIGN



CANOPY SIGN

STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Count (per building)	One per building at main pedestrian entrance, or one per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.
Location	Affixed above canopy; front face of canopy
Sign Face / Lettering Area A	If one per building: 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of width of ground floor glazing over which the awning is located. If one building mounted sign per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance: 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of width tenant suite pedestrian entrance doors.
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct

AWNING SIGN

Count (per building)	One per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.
Sign Face Area (% of awning) A	50% valance area Max.; 25% sloping portion area Max.
Materials	Metal supports; cloth or vinyl face
Illumination Types	Indirect, direct

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(d) PROJECTING SIGNS	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Count (per building)	One per building, or one building mounted sign per tenant suite with an exterior pedestrian entrance, if applicable.
Sign Face Area	A 12 sq. ft. Max.
Location on Building	B 9 ft. Min. height above grade (lowest point of sign)
Extension beyond building façade	4 ft. Max.
Angle at façade (degrees)	90
Materials	Wood or metal sign face, metal fastening to structure
EMC	Not Permitted
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo

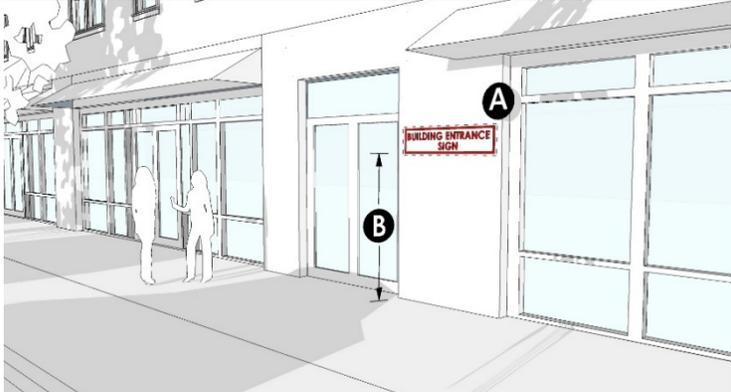
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Perimeter Center – Secondary Sign Types

Sec. 20-27. Perimeter Center – Secondary Sign Types

Within the Perimeter Center Overlay District, the sign types below are categorized as secondary sign types. Each property shall be permitted to choose from two secondary sign types. Properties may install the number of permitted secondary sign types as permitted for each sign type per the listed “count” within each table.

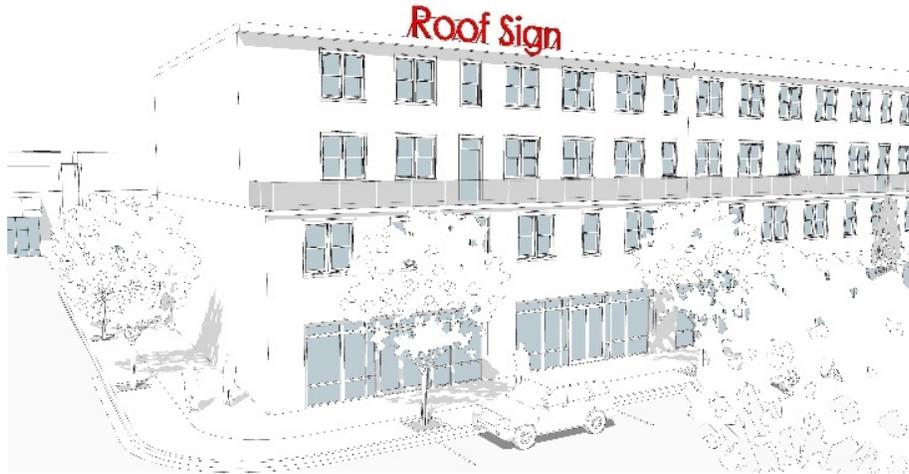
(a) PAINTED MURAL SIGN	
	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Location and Size	On side façade only, and shall not be larger than 1/8 of the wall area
Illumination Types	Indirect

(b) BUILDING ENTRANCE WALL SIGN	
	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Count	2 Max. per residential multi-unit building
Area A	4 sq. ft. Max.
Sign Location Above Grade	6 ft. Max.
Sign Face Materials B	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
EMC	Not Permitted
Illumination Type	Indirect; shadow/halo

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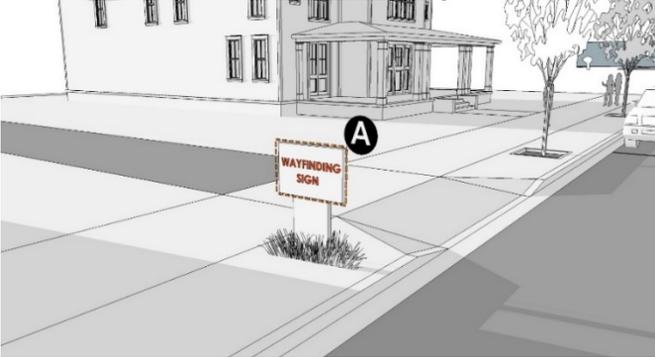
(c) ROOF SIGN



STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Count	2 Max. per common development
Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Face Area	A 80 sq. ft. Max.
Supports	Any so long as not visible from ground view.
EMC	Not Permitted
Illumination Types	Indirect; Direct; Shadow/Halo
Setback (from edge of roof)	5 ft. Max.
Total Sign Height (above roof)	10 ft. Max. (highest point of sign)
Roof Types	Roof signs are not permitted on pitched roofs, hip roofs, or gambrel roofs.
Building Height	40 ft. Min.

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(d) WAYFINDING SIGN	
	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Perimeter Center
Count	2 Max. per curb cut and up to 2 per acre Max. internal to common development
Sign Face Area A	6 sq. ft. Max.
Supports	Shall be mounted on base of same material as sign
Illumination Types	direct; indirect; shadow/halo
EMC	50% of total sign face area may be EMC Max.
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.

(e) FREESTANDING HANGING SIGN	
	
STANDARDS	Perimeter Center
Count	1 Max. per curb cut
Height and Material	Sign face shall be hanging from wood or metal supports 5 ft. Max.; sign face shall be wood or metal.
Sign Face Area	8 sq. ft. Max.
Location	No less than 20 feet from the building entrance; 5 ft. Min. from R.O.W.
Illumination	Not Permitted

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(f) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS	
(Choose two of any different limited duration signs below at any given time)	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	PERIMETER CENTER
PATIO UMBRELLA SIGNS	
Location	Outdoor dining area of patio area only
Logo Area	Max. 20% of total umbrella area; every other panel blank
Materials	Embroidered or imprinted on canvas or umbrella
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Duration	During business hours only
YARD SIGN – SMALL	
Count	1 Max. per lot or 1 Max. per tenant suite
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal or wood face
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min.
YARD SIGN – LARGE	
Count	1 Max. per lot; 2 Max. per common development.
Total Area Per Sign	12 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height	6 ft. Max.
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Setback from R.O.W.	5 ft. Min
TEMPORARY BANNER SIGN	
Count	If attached to the building, then 1 per tenant suite with exterior pedestrian entrance; if attached to a fence, wall or ground mounted, then one per property or up to two per common development
Materials	Cloth or vinyl
Total Area Per Sign	36 sq. ft. Max.
Duration	14-day permit up to 6 times per year
SANDWICH BOARD SIGN (1 permitted per tenant suite)	
Location	Within 10 feet of primary entrance not blocking any clear path
Sign Face Area (each of two sign faces)	6 sq. ft. Max.
Board Width (inches)	24 inches Max.
Board Height	36 inches Max.
Materials	Plastic not permitted
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Duration (hours per day)	During business hours only

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Quasi-Public/Institutional Uses

Sec. 20-28. Quasi-Public/Institutional Uses

The following sign types below shall be permitted for properties containing a quasi-public/institutional use (as defined in Sec. 27-113) irrespective of whether the sign type is permitted in the applicable district. Where the provisions in this Sec. 20-28 conflict with any provisions in any district regulations elsewhere in the Code, the regulations in Sec. 20-28 shall govern and control. Each property shall be entitled to the following signs subject to the following standards:

(a) SIGNS SPECIFIC TO QUASI-PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL USES	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Any Quasi-Public/Institutional Use in any District
BUILDING ENTRANCE WALL SIGN	
Count	1 Max. per building entrance
Total Sign Area	4 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height	6 ft. Max. (lowest point of sign)
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
EMC	Not permitted
Illumination Types	Indirect; shadow/halo
MONUMENT SIGN	
Count	1 per vehicular entrance up to 2 Max.
Location	Street yard(s) only
Sign Face Area	36 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height	6 ft. Max.
Sign Face Materials	Wood carved and painted; carved stone, metal with raised or applied vinyl letters; glass; or synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Base Materials	Brick; natural stone; stucco; synthetic materials that are crafted specifically to look like one of these materials are permitted.
Sign Base Height	1 ft. min. / 3 ft. Max.
Illumination Types	Indirect; direct; shadow/halo
Setback from R.O.W.	5 feet Min.
EMC	Permitted for educational services and places of worship only; maximum of 40% of total sign face area may be EMC; no manual changeable copy allowed if sign includes an EMC.
Manual Changeable Copy	Maximum of 40% of total sign face area may be manual changeable copy. No EMC allowed if sign includes manual changeable copy.

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WAYFINDING SIGN	
Count	2 Max. per curb cut and up to 2 per acre Max. internal to common development
Sign Face Area	6 sq. ft. Max.
Supports	Shall be mounted on base of same material as sign
Illumination Types	Direct; indirect; shadow/halo
EMC	Not Permitted
Total Sign Height	4 ft. Max.

(b) LIMITED DURATION SIGNS	
STANDARDS (all measurements in accordance with Sec. 20-3 above)	Any Quasi-Public/Institutional Use in any District
YARD SIGN – SMALL	
Total Sign Count	5 Max.
Total Sign Area Per Lot	30 sq. ft. Max.
Total Area Per Sign	6 sq. ft. Max.
Total Sign Height	3 ft. Max.
Materials (sign and supports)	Metal or wood supports; vinyl, plastic, metal, wood face
Illumination Types	Not Permitted
Setback from R.O.W.	3 ft. Min.
TEMPORARY BANNER SIGN	
Count	1 Max. per lot
Materials	Cloth or vinyl
Total Area Per Sign	36 sq. ft. Max.
Duration	14-day permit up to 6 times per year
Illumination Types	Not Permitted

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Use and Maintenance of Nonconforming Signs

ARTICLE VI. - NONCONFORMITIES

Sec. 20-29. Use and Maintenance of Nonconforming Signs

Subject to the restrictions of this chapter, a nonconforming sign may be used, but not expanded or improved unless the sign is made conforming. All nonconforming signs shall be maintained in good condition and repair and may be subject to removal for violations of maintenance standards.

Sec. 20-30. Repair and Replacement of Nonconforming Signs; Exceptions

Minor repairs and maintenance of nonconforming signs shall be permitted. Structural repairs or changes in the size or shape of a nonconforming sign shall be permitted if the changes do not expand the nonconforming nature of the sign. A nonconforming sign shall not be replaced by another nonconforming sign. Under no circumstances shall this section be construed as to allow the addition or material change of changeable copy to a nonconforming sign (except for message substitution on an existing changeable copy sign). *Exceptions:* (i) the substitution or interchange of sign panels, painted boards, or dismountable material on nonconforming signs shall be permitted; (ii) the substitution or interchange of sign lighting types on nonconforming signs shall be permitted; (iii) the substitution, interchange, or replacement of sign base and/or surround materials on nonconforming signs shall be permitted; (iv) a nonconforming sign damaged or destroyed by act of God or by other circumstances beyond the control of the owner of the sign may be repaired or replaced.

Sec. 20-31. Relocation of Nonconforming Signs

A nonconforming sign may be relocated for the purposes of road or sidewalk construction, purchases of right-of-way, or other public works or transportation project initiated by the City or other public agency.

ARTICLE VII. - ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES SPECIFIC TO SIGNS

Sec. 20-32. Permitting

- a. For any sign requiring issuance of a sign permit under the provisions of this chapter, sign review shall be required prior to installation, relocation, renovation, expansion, construction, panel exchange or reconstruction of the sign. The sign application shall be submitted to the Community Development Director.
- b. Applications for sign permits required by this chapter shall be filed by the sign owner or the owner's agent with the director or his/her designee. The application shall describe and set forth the following:
 1. The street address of the property upon which the sign is to be located and a plat map of the property which bears an indication of the proposed location of the sign;
 2. The name(s) and address(es) of the owner(s) of the real property upon which the subject sign is to be located;
 3. Consent of the owner, or the owner's agent, granting permission for the placement or maintenance of the sign;
 4. Name, address, phone number and occupational tax certificate number of the sign contractor;

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5. The type of sign (as defined in this chapter) to be erected, the area of the sign, the height of the sign, the shape of the sign, how the sign is to be illuminated (if at all), all existing signs on the property and an explanation of how the sign is to be mounted or erected on a scaled drawing;
 6. The dimensions of the wall on which the sign is to be placed with appropriate drawings and photographs;
 7. The payment in full of the applicable application fee; and
 8. Application for ground signs shall include a site plan drawn to scale, including a closed boundary survey of the property, gross acreage, the proposed location of subject sign, location of all existing ground signs on the property, entrance driveways from public streets, street rights-of-way, public or private easements, building locations, sidewalks, utilities, gross area of buildings and floor area occupied by subject owner or tenants.
 9. The director may require other such information required to determine the sign complies with the requirements of this chapter.
- c. The director shall develop such forms as may be necessary to facilitate the permit application process.
 - d. The applicant shall apply for all other permits or licenses required by city ordinances and state laws and regulations. No sign permit shall be valid unless other required permits or licenses have been issued by the authority responsible thereof.
 - e. Each application shall contain an agreement to indemnify and save and hold the city harmless from all damages, demands or expenses of every character which may in any manner be caused by the sign or sign structure. Each applicant shall present to the department, upon request, a certificate of liability insurance prior to the issuance of a sign permit.
 - f. The City shall process all sign permit applications within 30 days of the City's actual receipt of a complete application for a sign permit.
 1. The Community Development Director shall reject any application as incomplete that does not include all items required for a sign permit application as set forth under Sec. 20-32
 2. The Community Development Director shall reject any application containing any false material statements or omissions. Any rejected application later resubmitted shall be deemed to have been resubmitted on the date of resubmission instead of the original date of submission.
 - g. Within 30 days of receipt of a complete application, the Community Development Director shall:
 1. Issue the permit; or
 2. Inform the applicant, in writing, of denial of the permit, stating the reasons why the permit cannot be issued.
 - h. Upon determination that the application fully complies with the provisions of this chapter, the sign permit shall be issued.

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- i. If the City does not process an application for a sign permit within 30 days, then the application shall be considered approved.
- j. Should it be determined that a sign permit was issued pursuant to an application containing a false material statement, that the sign was erected in violation of standards of this permit, or that the sign no longer meets maintenance and/or safety standards of this chapter, the Community Development Director shall revoke the sign permit and the sign shall be removed. Notice of revocation shall be provided by the Director in the same manner as the decision to issue or deny a permit. Any decision of the Director denying or revoking a permit shall be subject to appeal as provided by Sec. 20-37.
- k. No sign permit shall be issued until the appropriate application has been filed with the Community Development Director and fees have been paid per the fee schedule adopted by City Council.

Sec. 20-33. Master Sign Plan Required

Master sign plans shall provide for visual consistency for signage within the development based on at least three of the following factors: graphic depiction, color scheme, lettering style, lighting, and location of signs to be posted on buildings. A master sign plan shall be reviewed by the Community Development Director for compliance with these factors for all new common developments and in any existing development over 20 acres where total sign area is increasing, or any sign location is changing. Sign face changes shall not require the submission of a master sign plan. All master sign plans shall contain the following:

- a. A site plan showing the location of buildings, parking lots, driveways and landscaped areas, and the location, size, area and height of all proposed signs.
- b. Computation of the maximum total sign area allowed and requested, the maximum area allowed and requested for each individual sign, the conceptual approach proposed for window signage.
- c. A description of how the applicant will achieve visual consistency among all signs, which may be in narrative or graphic depiction, regarding color scheme, lettering or graphic style; lighting; location of each sign on the site and on buildings; material; and support structures.

Sec. 20-34. Master Sign Plan Modifications

- a. Minor modifications to an approved master sign plan shall be submitted in writing for review and decision by the Community Development Director when:
 - 1. The change does not increase the sign area of the subject property approved in the original master sign plan.
 - 2. The change maintains visual harmony with those elements specifically identified in the original master sign plan as integral to the design theme of the subject property (for example: location(s), color(s), material(s), or type(s)).
- b. The decision of the Community Development Director in approving or denying a master sign plan may be appealed as set forth herein below.
- c. Major modifications to an approved master sign plan shall be reviewed and decided by the zoning board of appeals.

Sec. 20-35. Variances

Variances from this sign code shall not be allowed.

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Emergency Sign Provisions for Temporary Signage

Sec. 20-36. Emergency Sign Provisions for Temporary Signage

In the instance that the federal, state, or City government declares a state of emergency, the Mayor and City Council may pass a temporary decree (for the duration of the state of emergency) which explicitly specifies relaxed regulations for temporary signage to permit better communication for the duration of the emergency.

Sec. 20-37. Appeals

- a. The procedures of this division apply to appeals of permit denials, revocations, and all other administrative orders and decisions.
- b. Any person or entity (i.e., an owner, applicant, adjoining neighbor, or a neighbor whose property is within 1,500 feet of the nearest property line aggrieved by an administrative decision) may appeal the decision.
- c. Decisions by the Community Development Director made pursuant to this division may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals by filing a request with the Community Development Director within 30 days of the Community Development Director's decision. Appeal shall be in accordance with procedures and conditions of this sign code. If no appeal is made within the 30-day period, the decision of the Community Development Director is final. If an appeal is made to the Zoning Board of Appeals, within 30 days of the appeal being requested, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall set a hearing date for the appeal and the decision of the ZBA is final. The appellant shall be given 10 days' notice of the hearing date. The 30-day appeal deadline may be waived by the Zoning Board of Appeals if the appellant can show evidence that the appeal was filed within 30 days of their actual or constructive notice of the decision.
- d. The filing of a complete notice of appeal stays all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed, unless the official whose decision is being appealed certifies to the Zoning Board of Appeals, after the appeal is filed that, because of facts stated in the certification, a stay would cause imminent peril to life or property. In such a case, proceedings may be stayed only by a restraining order granted by the superior court on notice to the official whose decision is being appealed and on due cause shown.
- e. Upon receipt of a complete application of appeal, the Community Development Director or other administrative official whose decision is being appealed shall transmit to the Zoning Board of Appeals all papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed is taken.
- f. Mailed notice of the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing shall be provided to the appellant at least 10 days before the date of the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing.
- g. Hearing and decision
 1. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall hold a hearing to consider all appeals of administrative decisions.
 2. Following the close of the hearing and consideration of all testimony, documentary evidence and matters of record, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall make a decision. The decision shall

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be made within a reasonable period of time but in no event more than 60 days from the date of the close of the hearing. Final action on an appeal requires a simple majority vote of the Zoning Board of Appeals members present and voting.

3. In exercising its powers, the Zoning Board of Appeals may reserve or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed from. To that end the Zoning Board of Appeals has all the powers of the administrative official from whom the appeal was taken and may issue or direct the issuance of a permit provided all requirements imposed by all other applicable laws are met.
- h. An appeal shall be sustained only upon a finding by the Zoning Board of Appeals that the administrative official's action was based on an erroneous finding of a material fact or that the administrative official acted in an arbitrary manner.
- i. Appeals
1. Any person or entity authorized by Sec. 20-37b may seek review of such decision by petitioning the superior court for a writ of certiorari, setting forth the alleged errors. The petition shall be filed within 30 days of the date that the Zoning Board of Appeals renders its final decision.
 2. When a petition is for a writ of certiorari is filed, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be designated the respondent in certiorari and the city the defendant in certiorari. The secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals is authorized to acknowledge service of a copy of the petition and writ on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals, as respondent. Service upon the city as defendant shall be as provided by law.

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Violations and Penalties

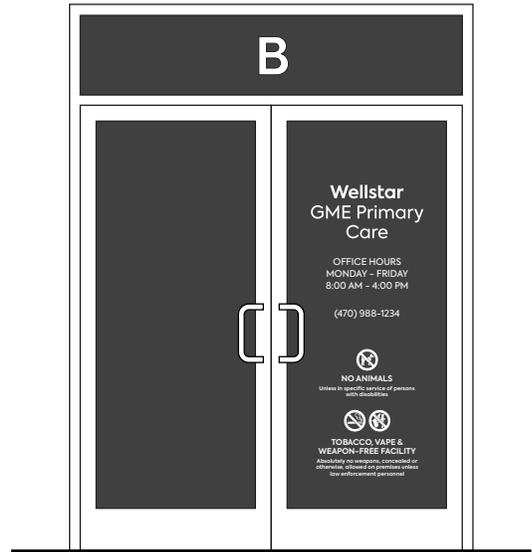
Sec. 20-38. **Violations and Penalties**

The Community Development Director or his/her designee may issue a citation for violation of this chapter by any person, including if applicable, the owner, manager or tenant of the space upon which a sign is located, for a sign erected, altered, maintained, converted, or used in violation of this chapter or in violation of any other applicable ordinance, including, but not limited to, the building and electrical codes.

1. The Community Development Director and/or his/her designee shall have the same duties, authority, and obligations regarding access to private property and inspections, including the procurement of inspection warrants provided in Article VI of the City Zoning Ordinance with regard to the enforcement of this chapter.
2. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of an offense and upon conviction, shall be subject to the general penalty provided in this Code. Each sign installed, created, erected or maintained in violation of this chapter shall be considered a separate violation, and each day of a continued violation for each sign shall be considered a separate violation when applying the penalties authorized in Zoning Code Article VI, Division 3 – Enforcement and Penalties.
3. The City may seek affirmative equitable relief in a court of competent jurisdiction to cause the removal or repair of any sign in violation of this chapter or other City ordinances.
4. The Community Development Director or designee may remove any sign or structure illegally placed upon a public right-of-way without any notice and may dispose of said sign or structure. Such removal and disposal of illegally placed signs shall not preclude the prosecution of any person for illegally placing such signs in the public right-of-way.

Window/Door Graphics

May be a need to add or clarify what constitutes a window pane. In the scenario below the graphics for this medical practice takes up more than 30% of the glass area in the door on which it is located but is less than 30% when all the glass in this storefront. This portion of the ordinance may require some clarification. Recommendation is that graphics take up 30% or less of the aggregate glass area in a storefront, not each individual pane.



Sec. 20-15. Signs Exempt from Permit Requirements

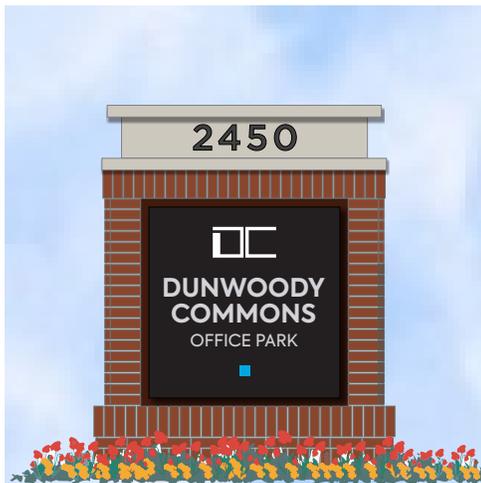
While the following signs do not require a permit, they are not exempt from any applicable standards of this chapter and shall be subject to all applicable regulations hereunder:

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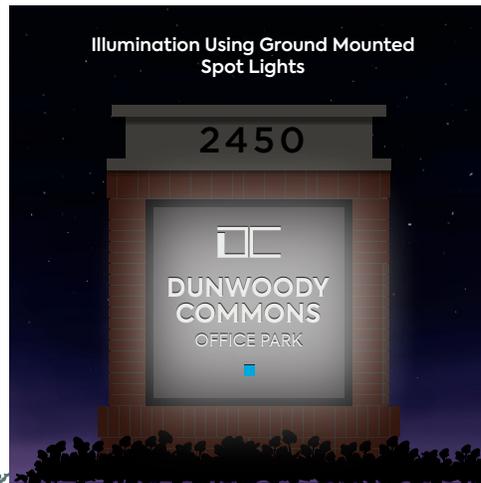
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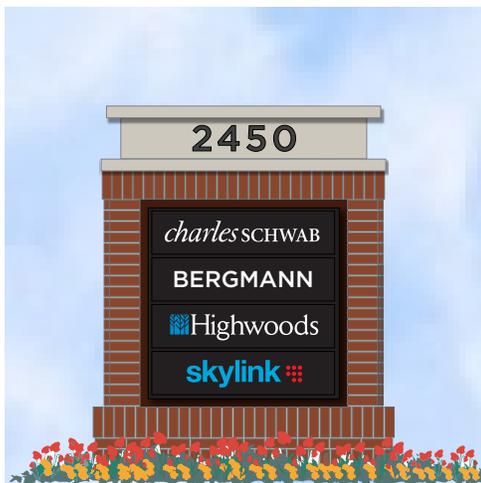
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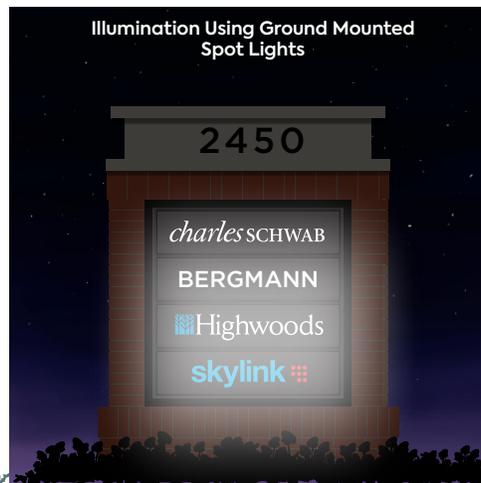
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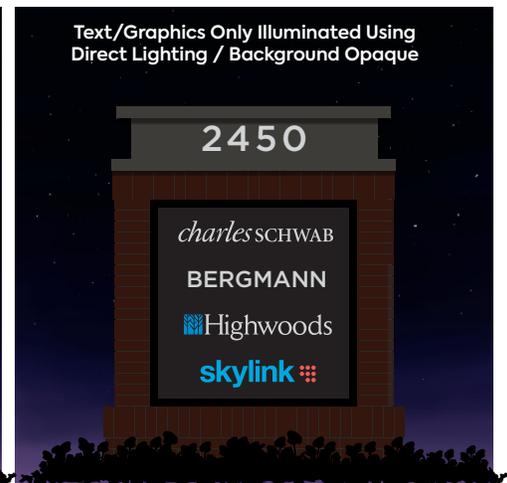
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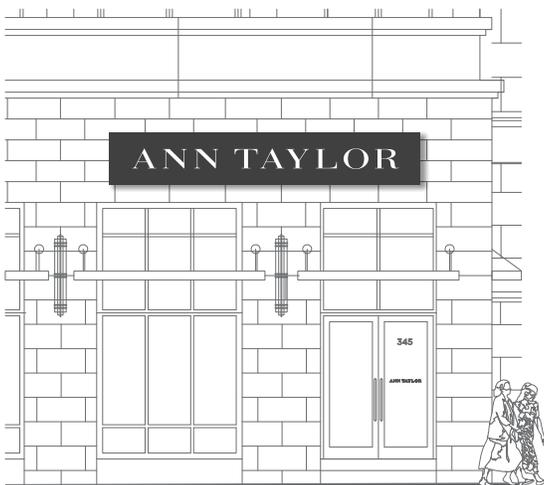


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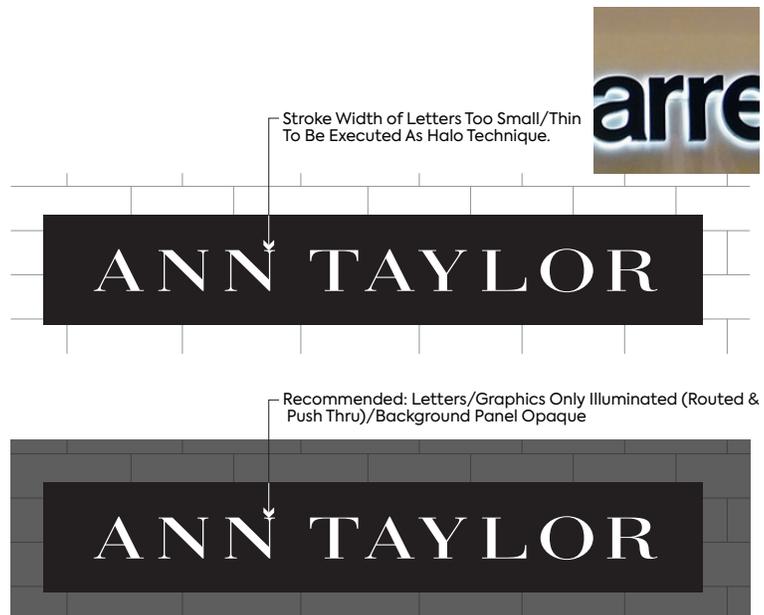


Routed & Push Thru Letters, Direct Lighted On Opaque Background Panel

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Reviewer recommends this be allowed in these districts.

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Do we want a specific provision allowing a new business to have a banner up for 60 days before a permanent sign is put up?

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CURRENT DUMC SIGNAGE (permit & non-permit)



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It is not visible from the road.

CURRENT DUMC SIGNAGE (cont.)



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