

## **ARTICLE FOUR: ZONING REGULATIONS – SUPPLEMENTAL PT. III**

### **4.19.20. Sign Regulations.**

The provisions of this Sub-Section of the Land Development Regulations, also referred to as ‘LDR’, shall govern all signs and related matters in the City of Live Oak, Florida. This section shall be known as, and may be referred to as, the "Sign Ordinance" or "Sign Regulations", and understood to be that for the City of Live Oak, Florida. Also understood is that these regulations are a Sub-Section of Section 4.19 – Supplementary District Regulations, which is a section within Article 4 – Zoning Regulations, which is part of the LDR in its entirety. Each applicable Article, Section and Sub-Section within this document is inter-related and works collectively as a whole.

#### **4.19.20.1. Jurisdiction.**

These Sign Regulations shall apply to all properties located within the corporate limits of the City of Live Oak, Florida, in addition to any properties which may be annexed into the City limits at a future date. These Sign Regulations shall not relate to the copy or message on athletic field scoreboards, gravestones, commemorative plaques, or display of construction not defined in these LDR as a sign.

#### **4.19.20.2. Applicability of Other Code or Regulatory Requirements or Actions.**

Signs or other advertising structures shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with other applicable ordinances, regulations and statutes of the City, as well as those of the State of Florida, and any Federal rules, regulations or laws. Where ordinances, rules or regulations may appear to be in conflict, the more restrictive provisions shall apply.

1. All signage shall be in accordance with the provisions of these Sign Regulations in their entirety.
2. All sign structures shall also be subject to all provisions of: the Code of Ordinances of the City, the Building and Electrical Codes, and all other applicable local, state and federal laws.
3. Any legally permitted sign may contain any message not otherwise prohibited or regulated by law.
4. No City Zoning Board, City Council, Board of Adjustment or other public officer or agency shall issue a permit or grant permission or an adjustment, to erect or maintain any sign in conflict with the provisions of these Sign Regulations, or the standards applied by the Building Department; nor shall any City Department issue approval or a permit for any sign in conflict with any law enacted by any other public board, officer, or agency in the lawful exercise of its powers.
5. A Petition for Variance may be filed pertaining to signage, as follows: for proposed permanent signage on the premises of a licensed business, strictly limited to a relaxation of the existing governing standards for the subject property regarding- placement, face-size or overall height. Said Petition is to be filed in accordance with Article 3, Variances; General, of the LDR, and other applicable Codes, Resolutions or Ordinances.

The variance petition shall be submitted concurrently with an accompanying standard sign review/approval application and building permit application, including all required drawings and site plans for the proposed signage.

The granting of a variance to one or more of these referenced governing standards, shall then allow the subsequent review of applicable criteria of said sign, by applicable City Departments, in accordance with **Section 4.19.20.5.**, in order to secure the required zoning approval and building permit; however, in no case shall a variance request exceed any current maximum standard for the City as a whole, nor shall the approval of a variance take the place of the required staff review and building permit issuance process.

6. No type of building permit, or occupational business tax license, shall be issued for any location, until all sign standards as provided for herein are found to be met.
7. Proposed signage at certain locations, as identified in the Comprehensive Plan, may also be required to secure a Certificate of Appropriateness through the Historic Preservation Agency, as specified in Article 3 of the LDR. This agency will generally meet within one month of the appropriate application being submitted.
8. It is the responsibility of the Property/Business Owner and/or Sign Contractor to obtain proper review, approval, and permitting prior to any work commencing in the City. Signs found to be erected without proper review and permitting shall be subject to a double review fee and double permit fee as provided for in the Resolutions and Ordinances of the City of Live Oak.
9. A sign erected without proper review and permitting, that exceeds the maximum allowances in height, square footage or any other applicable criteria shall be ordered to be altered and/or removed to conform to the Sign Regulations, in conjunction with obtaining proper review approval and permitting.
10. Signs erected by municipal or governmental entities shall also be governed by these Sign Regulations, as may be applicable.
11. All signs existing at the date of adoption or amendment of these Sign Regulations shall be subject to certain portions herein, however, provisions for signs which may be or become non-conforming in nature are first governed by language found in **Section 4.19.20.12.**

#### **4.19.20.3. Definitions.**

Definitions for purposes of these Sign Regulations under these LDR are found, unless otherwise noted, in the Definitions section of these LDR, Article 2.

#### **4.19.20.4. Signs Not Requiring Zoning Review (Exempt-Signs).**

Except as otherwise provided or required, the following on-site signs may be erected without zoning review, provided that each is erected in accordance with the prescribed conditions of these Sign Regulations, in their entirety, and with all other applicable codes and regulations.

These signs are allowed in addition to non-exempt signs requiring zoning review.

Any non-exempt situation deemed by the Building Official to be structural, may require a building permit to erect. If in doubt, contact the City Building Official prior to work commencing.

Any sign not exempted by this section shall be required to be reviewed and approved by the Development Manager, and may be required to be permitted by the Building Official, prior to construction and installation.

Any exempt sign erected under this provision, **4.19.20.4.**, that does not meet the prescribed conditions of these Sign Regulations in their entirety, shall be deemed to have been erected in violation of these Land Development Regulations, and thus shall be subject to enforcement.

All signs proposed to be placed in the ground, or on any posts which would require breaking the surface of the ground through digging, etc., shall be placed to meet all required setbacks, including line of sight triangles, and 811 must be called and locates done, before any sign is erected.

Allowable Exempt-Signs:

1. Signs required by public ordinances, regulations and laws.
2. Legal notices, official instruments, municipal signs and public interest signs which are non-permanent in nature.
3. Building marker signs, at non-residential locations, not exceeding four square feet in area, which are mounted on a wall adjacent to a customary public entrance or other appropriate location, and bearing only property name, street-numbers, mail box numbers, building markers, names of occupants of premises, or other identification of premises, which have no commercial connotations.

Signs may be internally lit, subject to applicable electrical codes.

4. Flags and insignia of a government except when displayed in connection with commercial promotion.
5. Each lot shall be allowed a maximum of three non-commercial flags and flag poles that conform to the standards of this paragraph. No flag may exceed sixty square feet in area, and the height of a flag pole shall not exceed the maximum allowable height of a structure or building in the applicable zoning district, or fifty feet, whichever is less. The hoist side of the flag shall not exceed twenty percent of the vertical height of the flag pole. Government owned parcels are exempt from total flag area and number limitations.
6. Decorative and patriotic flags, banners, and buntings for city-wide celebrations, conventions, and commemorations when such events are specifically recognized by the City Council, for a prescribed event lasting for a prescribed period of time.
7. Holiday and event lights and decorations during the recognized time frames for such celebrations.
8. Traffic or other municipal, city, state, or federal signs, legal notices, railroad crossing signs, danger signs, and such temporary, emergency, or non-advertising signs as may be approved by the City Council or other governmental entity with jurisdiction. Such signs may be located in or may overhang or infringe upon the right-of-way of streets or public ways.
9. Integral decorative or architectural features of buildings, so long they contain no commercial message.

10. Each residential unit is permitted one non-commercial, non-illuminated window sign not to exceed two square feet, and one non-commercial, non-illuminated Incidental Type II Ground ‘yard’ Sign (defined in Article 2), as provided, per property, per street frontage.

Residential properties which have been approved for a home occupation or home business may utilize this provision for said on-site occupation or business.

11. Temporary full-panel window poster signs at licensed non-residential locations, however, limited to copy contained in no more than half of the window frames which exist on said building structure. Window lettering applied permanently to windows, subject to allowances for wall signage listed in **Section 4.19.20.9.3.**
12. Neon or other type, lighted or unlit, electronic or LED ‘open’ or other related copy, as window signs only, at licensed non-residential locations, provided that such signs: are hung or mounted within or flat against the building, do not exceed a maximum of four square feet each, and no more than three are displayed along any one wall of the building, which are visible from the outside.
13. Any sign not visible from public thoroughfares or rights-of-way and within a building, business, office, mall, or other totally enclosed area, except window signs. These signs may require a building permit to install, but will not require zoning review.
14. Temporary signs, provided that they are erected outside public rights-of-way, except certain election and governmental public information related signage as provided for herein, and are subject to the following additional standards:

- a. Governmental Election:

One temporary non-illuminated freestanding, or Incidental Type II Ground ‘yard’ Sign (defined in Article 2), is allowed per privately owned lot, per street frontage, per candidate for public office, which may be erected up to one hundred calendar days prior to a governmental election and shall be removed within seven calendar days following said election final voting day.

No such sign shall exceed four feet in height in any residential zoning district, or six feet in height in any other zoning district (except when used as a wall sign).

Maximum face size for any such freestanding or wall sign shall be sixteen square feet in residentially zoned districts and thirty-two square feet in all other districts.

All such signs shall be placed on private property.

Such signs shall not be converted to any other sign type or purpose without first being reviewed, approved and permitted as a permanent sign.

For the safety of vehicles, pedestrians and to protect life and property from possible injury or damage, and to meet the requirements for structures per the Florida Building Code: any such freestanding sign erected on posts, provided the sign panel material is either lightweight banner or other lightweight material, as approved by the Building Official.

Wall banners for elections and political messages may be erected according to banner standards.

In no case shall any political sign of any type be erected or placed in the ground, on or in front of, any city-owned parcels of land, unless part of and only during a political rally, as approved by the City Council.

Incidental Type II Ground ‘yard’ Sign (defined in Article 2), may also be erected along other non-DOT rights-of-way, provided vehicular and pedestrian, street and driveway intersection sight distance triangle lines of sight are maintained. Signs erected in rights-of-way, in violation, shall be subject to enforcement and immediate removal.

b. Real Estate:

Temporary non-illuminated signs, not to exceed a face size of eight square feet in residential zoning, and thirty-two square feet in any other zoning, when located on a lot or building during the time that it is for sale, lease, or rent.

Such signs are limited to one sign per lot, per street frontage, and if freestanding, to a maximum of six feet in height.

Such signs shall be removed within ten calendar days after the subject lot or building is leased, and, in the case of a sale of property, to display a “sold” sign, shall be removed within thirty calendar days of the closing of sale date.

One on-site open-house or open for inspection sign, not exceeding six square feet in face size, and four feet in height, is allowed in addition to the other limitations in **Section 4.19.20.4.(14)(b)**.

Similar off-site signs for open house event directional purposes may be allowed at street intersections and other locations in proximity to the subject property, during the time the property is open for inspection, provided they are located on private property and with the owner’s consent.

c. Temporary non-commercial/non-profit or community event signage:

One temporary non-illuminated Incidental Type II Ground ‘yard’ Sign (defined in Article 2) is allowed per privately owned lot, per street frontage, per event which is taking place in Suwannee County or the City of Live Oak, which may be erected up to forty-five calendar days prior to the date of the event, and must be removed within three calendar days of the conclusion of the event.

Signs must be located off of any street right-of-way and outside of line of sight triangles.

Banners and other event related signage at the event location or promoting said event may be erected, at the discretion of the Development Manager, in Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts, subject to time limit, banner and other applicable standards.

Any such sign may dedicate an area subordinate to the primary event message to recognize event promoters, subject to any and all Florida Department of Transportation rules and laws applicable to Outdoor Advertising Signs.

d. Incidental Type II Ground ‘yard’ Sign (defined in Article 2) at licensed commercial business locations:

- (1) Such signs shall be located on private property, on the site or location of the licensed business, not in the public right-of-way, or in required parking areas. No provision is made for signage for unlicensed businesses or for locating off-site of the licensed premises.
- (2) Such signs shall be professionally printed and non-permanent in nature, and shall pertain only to a licensed establishment located on the same parcel where the sign is located.
- (3) Such signs shall not be illuminated or have any electricity run to it by way of an extension cord or any other electrical wiring.
- (4) Such signs shall be removed when the service is no longer available or when the sale or event is no longer in effect, or when inclement weather is approaching.
- (5) Three such signs are allowed per parcel, per street frontage, per licensed business establishment located on said parcel.
- (6) Signs shall not exceed three feet in height and four square feet per face, maximum two faces.
- (7) Signs shall be located outside of line of sight triangles, and shall not obstruct ingress/egress to or from a public entrance or fire escape.

e. Incidental Type II On-site Wall Signs (defined in Article 2) at licensed commercial business locations:

- (1) Such signs are to be located only on a principle building or structure and pertaining to the licensed business located on that parcel. No provision is made for signage for unlicensed businesses.
- (2) Such signs shall be professionally printed and non-structural in nature; (ie: lightweight materials, framed promotional posters, etc.)
- (3) Such signs shall not be illuminated or have any electricity run to it by way of an extension cord or any other electrical wiring.
- (4) Such signs shall be securely mounted flat against a door or wall.
- (5) Total sign area(s) shall not exceed thirty-six square feet per building side, or per one-hundred linear feet of building length.

15. Incidental Type I (defined in Article 2) signs, banners, portable signs, pole pennants or feather flags, strings of lights, strings of pennants or strings of flags, and inflatable devices, on-site at licensed commercial business locations, provided they meet all applicable requirements contained in these Sign Regulations.
16. Up to three, when visible from the right-of-way, informational bulletin boards are permitted, at a non-residential location, for public, charitable, educational or religious institutions when located on the premises of said institution, and when affixed to a building wall. Bulletin boards may not exceed forty square feet in area and, if illuminated, shall be located at least twenty-five feet from any property line.

Signs may be internally lit, but shall not violate any provisions listed in these Sign Regulations.

Freestanding bulletin boards /kiosks shall be applied for and permitted as a standard freestanding sign, with location and numbers approved on a case-by-case basis.

17. One non-illuminated directory wall sign, per principle building is permitted, at a non-residential establishment, which contains no commercial messages of any kind, when affixed to a building wall.

Directory signs shall not exceed forty square feet in area and shall be located at building entrances or facing a public walkway.

Freestanding directory signs shall be applied for and permitted as a standard freestanding sign, with location and numbers approved on a case-by-case basis.

18. Signs or logos incorporated on, or added to, machinery, equipment, or other fixtures, which only identify or advertise the product or service dispensed by the machine or equipment, or business name identification.

This includes signs customarily affixed to vending machines, newspaper racks, telephone booths, semi-permanent trash containers, and gasoline pumps. Signs may be internally lit, but shall not violate any provision listed in these Sign Regulations.

Signs are limited in size to the device to which it is attached and shall not increase the overall dimensions of the device by way of an additional attached frame or cabinet. Such signs must be installed as to be an integral part of the device.

19. Signs for temporary residential garage sales, yard sales, and the like, limited to sales located in residential districts at a residence within the City Limits, and subject to the following provisions:
  - a. All residents in the City of Live Oak wishing to conduct a yard sale at their home must call City Hall prior to the sale to register and document the sale, in accordance with applicable ordinances.
  - b. On-site (at said sale location) signs shall be limited to one per parcel, per street frontage, limited to a maximum face size of six square feet and a maximum height of four feet.
  - c. Similar off-site signs for directional purposes, not exceeding four square feet in face size, and three feet in height, may be allowed in proximity to the sale, provided they are located on private properties and with the consent of the property owner. These signs may not be erected in a public right-of-way, or on any utility pole, light pole, fence, rock, tree or other form of vegetation.
  - d. All signs must be removed at the close of the sale.
20. Construction signs: no more than four, two-sided signs, per street frontage, are allowed at any one time, located on a single property parcel where building construction is actually in progress under a current building permit.

These signs shall be a non-illuminated, freestanding signs, not exceeding four feet in height in residential districts and six feet in height in non-residential districts. Maximum size per sign face is

sixteen square feet in all residential districts, and thirty-two square feet in all non-residential districts.

An owner/builder, which is a licensed building contractor, may place one such additional sign at the entrance to a subdivision which is being marketed with vacant buildable lots.

The sign(s) may include the names of persons and firms performing services or labor, or supplying materials to the premises. Such signs must be removed before a certificate of occupancy for any building or structure on the premise is issued.

Otherwise, such sign must be removed within thirty calendar days of the completion or final inspection of any other type of remodeling, renovations or repair work which took place at the location.

21. Traffic control signs, as may be required, erected on public or private property which meet Department of Transportation standards and contain no commercial message of any kind, and limited in size and placement to the standards of the Department of Transportation pertaining to the district in which the sign is to be located.
22. A cross-street banner sign erected by the municipality, or designee, for a special event, celebration or as otherwise allowed, subject to #14 (c) herein, or as otherwise governed, with size appropriate to the location, to be determined by the Development Manager .
23. A-Frame, Sandwich, Sidewalk and Easel Type Signs: When more restrictive, all Florida Department of Transportation sign regulations for state maintained state and federal roads shall supersede this section.

In order to promote a pedestrian-oriented market area in the Central Downtown District, and other commercial areas as appropriate, A-frame, Sandwich-Type, Sidewalk and Easel signs may be permitted on the sidewalk, or other non-vehicular use areas, in front of the respective licensed business, only displayed during normal business hours only.

These may be one or two-sided, and shall be professionally constructed, and professionally printed or contain areas for hand written specials, such as dry erase or chalk board type. Such signs shall be located so as to not obstruct safe vision of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or safe ingress or egress from or to public entrances and fire escapes and must be removed during inclement weather.

- a. Maximum Height: four feet above the sidewalk or ground.
- b. Maximum Face Size: six square feet.
- c. Maximum one non-illuminated sign is allowed, per establishment, located in front of said establishment, within fifteen feet of a public entrance.



**4.19.20.5. Requirements for all Non-Exempt Signs  
(ones not considered as exempt, as described in previous Section 4.19.20.4.)**

Within the corporate limits of the City, it shall be unlawful for any person, property owner, or building or sign contractor to: erect, post, display, construct, enlarge, move, maintain, substantially change, alter, utilize, convert, or replace any non-exempted sign, without first securing zoning review and written approval from the Development Manager, and when applicable, a building permit from the Building Official, to do so.

- a. A non-substantial change of only a static copy panel with a like-kind type panel, which is the same face size, from within an existing cabinet of a previously legally permitted and legally erected sign, shall not require a fee-based formal zoning application submittal and review by the Development Manager, however the Development Manager must first be made aware of the proposed non-substantial change prior to the action taking place, and a building permit may also be required by the Building Official.
- b. All other actions, including: any new sign; or the removal of, conversion of, replacement of, or alteration to, an existing sign cabinet, sign support or sign structure, shall constitute a substantial change, for which formal zoning application submittal and review is required, with commencement of any changes only after official written approval is received.
- c. This section shall not require a sign permit for the repair or maintenance of a conforming sign for which a permit has already been issued, provided the sign or sign structure, including electrical service, is not modified in any way different from its original conforming condition.
- d. Waiver of zoning review by the Development Manager does not constitute waiver of a building permit, nor does the non-necessity of a building permit waive formal or informal review and approval by the Development Manager, or subsequent Code Enforcement actions to bring about compliance.
- e. Zoning review and approval, and in certain cases a building permit, shall be required for any new sign not otherwise exempted, or any substantial change to an existing sign, or any new or existing establishment changing the number, size, shape, electrical service, or location of existing signs, or adding additional signage or square footage, whether to a new or existing structure, or any other action which is deemed by City Officials to have the requirement of Development Manager zoning review and approval, and/or a building permit by the Building Official.

1. Application:

All applications for sign zoning review and approval and sign building permits shall be submitted first to the Development Manager, with the applicable review fee, on forms as provided by the City. The application shall set forth in writing a complete description of the required information. Appropriate or additional forms and supporting documents may also be required by the Building Official.

Final written approval, or notification of denial, shall be made available to the applicant within five working days from the date the City has received all required, requested or forwarded documents, and after all fees have been received.

Certain Signs shall be reviewed and approved informally as Special or Temporary Signage, which review shall take place by written contact to the Development Manager. Signs which qualify for this review

process are: Portable Signs, and Grand Opening or Special Event Signage. All others, as provided for and required, shall be applied for, reviewed and approved formally on standard forms.

Once zoning review and approval has taken place, a determination shall be made by the Building Official if a permit is required. If not required, the Development Manager shall issue a written notice to proceed to the applicant; otherwise, the Building Official will process the application packet for permit issuance.

## 2. Fees:

Sign application zoning review fees, and building permit fees, shall be in accordance with the adopted fee schedules, resolutions and/or ordinances of the City of Live Oak, and shall be required for any action that requires either formal zoning review and/or the issuance of a sign building permit, as may be applicable.

Signs proposed to be located on parcels determined by the City to be publically owned, as defined herein, shall comply with all requirements contained herein, however, review and/or permit fees may be waived.

## 3. Permit Issuance and Duration:

When required, the Building Official shall issue to any applicant, upon approval by all City Departments, of a completed application and accompanying material, for a sign which meets the requirements of these Sign Regulations and all other applicable regulations, a written sign permit evidencing compliance of the proposed sign, with all applicable codes and regulations.

A sign permit shall expire and become null and void if installation of the sign has not been completed within 6 months from the date of issuance. Issuance or finalization of a sign permit shall not prevent the City from later declaring the sign to be nonconforming or unlawful, if it is found not to conform to the requirements of these Sign Regulations.

A sign permit shall be revoked if the sign is found to have been erected contrary to the specifications listed in the application, and thus is not in compliance with the Sign Regulations.

For every permit issued, the Building Official shall deliver to the applicant a written permit, which shall be retained on file at the place of business, as well as in City permit records. A sign for which no written approval exists, shall be prima facie evidence that the sign or advertisement has been constructed or erected and is being operated, displayed or maintained in violation of the provisions of applicable codes, and shall be subject to enforcement.

### **4.19.20.6. Enforcement.**

1. A sign found to have been erected, placed, constructed, enlarged, moved, altered, or converted illegally, or in a manner which otherwise violates the terms of these Sign Regulations, shall cause the property owner of the parcel where said sign is located, and/or the sign contractor, person or entity which erected said sign, to be subject to enforcement as provided for herein and any other applicable section of these LDR and/or Florida Statutes.
2. These Sign Regulations shall be enforced as provided herein, and by: the Code of Ordinances, Article 15 of the LDR, and/or the Florida Statutes, Chapter 162, as may be applicable. Each day of violation after notification shall be regarded as a separate offense.

## 3. Removal of Signs:

A sign which is placed in or on the public right-of-way or on any public light or utility pole, or in or on any other property owned or maintained by the City of Live Oak, or locations considered public rights-of-way, shall be subject to immediate removal and/or confiscation by the: Code Enforcement Officer, Building Official, Development Manager, Police Department, or his or her designee.

Any of the following signs shall be immediately removed, upon verbal or written notification from the: Code Enforcement Officer, Building Official, Development Manager, Police Chief or Fire Chief, or his or her designee, or by City Staff as may be required:

- a. A sign that is prohibited or classified as unlawful under the terms of these Sign Regulations.
  - b. A sign that does not conform to the Florida Building Code.
  - c. A sign which constitutes a danger to life, property, vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
  - d. A sign erected without being reviewed, approved and properly permitted, or not to applicable standards.
4. Remedies:

In the case of any sign or other device covered by these Sign Regulations that is, or is proposed to be, erected, posted, displayed, constructed, enlarged, moved, maintained, substantially changed, altered, utilized, converted, or replaced, is found to be in violation of any provision of these Sign Regulations, the Code Enforcement Officer shall then commence standard procedure for code enforcement action.

#### **4.19.20.7. General Regulations.**

1. Location and other general standards:

- a. See **Section 4.19.20.8.**, Prohibited Sign Instances, for additional standards which may apply.
- b. All signs shall be located only on or over private property, except where otherwise specifically authorized by these Sign Regulations.
- c. No sign shall overhang any adjacent private property or public rights-of-way, except projecting or under-canopy signs, over public sidewalks or driveways, which meet all other requirements of these Sign Regulations.
- d. No permanent sign shall be attached to any support or pole of a freestanding sign, or other portion of an existing sign structure, unless it is part of an approved and properly permitted cabinet, or other structure, which serves to hold or display sign copy.
- e. All signs shall be located in such a way that they maintain horizontal and vertical clearance from all overhead utilities based on the applicable voltage as specified in the latest edition of the National Electrical Code.
- f. For all allowable freestanding signs: Each parcel shall be eligible to erect one Primary Street Freestanding Sign, all others, as allowed, shall be considered Secondary Street Freestanding Signs.
- g. If said parcel has secondary street frontage or sufficient linear street frontage, and separation requirements are met, additional Secondary Street Freestanding Signs may be erected as allowed for.

Secondary Street Freestanding Signs shall be limited to one-half the face size, and in height to the greater of: four feet or one-half the height, of the allowable maximum Primary Street Freestanding Sign size, for that particular parcel.

If street frontage, as defined in Section 2.1, is utilized to qualify for multiple freestanding signs, additional signs will only be allowed when excess street frontage, is equal to required frontage.

IE: if the regulations state one allowed per two-hundred feet of frontage, the property would have to have at least 400' of frontage to be eligible for a Secondary Freestanding Sign, and so forth.

The linear length of a bordering street, as defined in Section 2.1, shall not be countable towards meeting the frontage criteria.

A property owner may elect to erect the Primary Street Freestanding Sign along a secondary street or bordering street, provided there is only one sign sized as a Primary Street Freestanding Sign, and all others as allowed, are of Secondary Street Freestanding Sign proportions, and located to be in conformance with other applicable criteria.

Secondary Street Freestanding Signs shall always be oriented for viewing from the 'secondary' or 'border' street, and shall always be located a minimum distance of one-half the total linear street frontage, as measured from the primary street's right-of-way line, or corner of a parcel, to the

opposite corner or street frontage, as applicable. Primary and Secondary Street Freestanding Signs shall comply with all other applicable guidelines contained in these Sign Regulations.

- h. When otherwise allowable, one freestanding sign per parcel, or per multi-use center, shall be eligible to contain an electronic variable message board.
- i. An establishment shall be deemed to be located on a single-use parcel in any instance where it is the sole establishment, by record of the occupational city business tax license on file, located on one tax parcel of record.

An establishment shall be deemed to be located on a multi-use parcel, commercial or office center in any instance where the establishment shares a tax parcel of record with another establishment, by record of a different occupational city business tax license on file, whether owned by the same individual or not. The multi-use designation shall apply even to individual entities who share a single office or store frontage.

- j. In cases where the location was initially a single-use parcel and subsequently changed into a multi-use parcel, when the new entity seeks application for additional signage for the parcel; existing signage in combination with the new proposed signage shall be in conformance with the current requirements of a multi-use parcel.

In cases where the existing single-use signage meets or exceeds the multi-use limits, the existing signage shall be altered to make accommodations for the new establishment, in accordance with the limits placed on multi-use parcels for that location. In cases where the limits have not been exceeded, the new establishment's proposed signage shall be limited to what is remaining in the allowances for a multi-use parcel.

- k. Commercial or Office Multi-Use Centers or any cluster of buildings which collectively represent a center or multi-uses, which are located on several abutting parcels, which are owned or managed under a unified ownership or partnership, shall be allowed additional numbers of freestanding signage based on the number of public driveway entrances which serve the development.
- l. Any freestanding sign proposed for such a multi-use location shall contain a number of available advertising panels equal to the number of existing or proposed tenants at the center. The percentage of available space for each tenant shall be determined by the owner or Management Company of said center or complex.
- m. All new freestanding signs installed in vehicular use areas, or existing signs which subsequently have pavement placed in their vicinity, shall have a raised, curbed and sodded area surrounding the sign pole which is equal in size to the square footage of the sign face size. When proposed site improvements will not include poured/formed concrete-type work, placed pre-formed concrete stops shall be deemed sufficient to meet this requirement.
- n. Establishments seeking to increase the allowable size of a wall sign due to the public entrance exceeding the specified setback distance from the public right-of-way, shall only be eligible for the increase if the public right-of-way, for measurement purposes, runs parallel to the building front with the public entrance, and if the right-of-way also abuts the parcel which the establishment is located on.

- o. All projecting signs shall be limited to extending out in a horizontal direction from the wall of the building to which it is attached a maximum of eight feet, or in no case closer than one foot to the curb line, as measured vertical line to grade.
- p. Any parcel in the City Limits, with an approved and licensed business in operation at that location, when said parcel is located: at any point within one-thousand feet of the outside ROW boundary of Interstate Ten (I-10), and which said parcel is also within one-thousand feet of the outside ROW boundary of the secondary road which contains on-ramps or off-ramps onto said interstate, in addition to all signs otherwise permitted for the parcel, may erect an on-site Highway Identification Sign, subject to the following standards. Such signs shall: pertain only to the establishment(s) located on said parcel; be limited to one such sign per parcel of record; be located in the rear yard setback area of the parcel; have a minimum of fifty feet of clearance above the finished grade; have a maximum height of seventy-five feet; have a total sign face area not to exceed one-hundred fifty square feet; be located no closer than one-hundred feet radial distance from any other such Highway Identification Sign; have no electronic or LED component, except for ones at a fuel dispensing station, to display the current fuel price, which said display shall remain fixed at all times with no other message or change, unless said price needs to be updated.

2. Sign Area and Height Computation:

The following principles shall control the computation of sign area and sign height, when determining if a proposed sign is within the allowable parameters.

a. Area of Freestanding Signs:

For a single-face sign: the area shall be calculated as the area within a continuous perimeter enclosing the limits of copy or message.

Area of two-sided signs: Only one side shall be measured, as described in Area of Single Faced Signs, in computing sign area, provided the faces are parallel, or where if “V” shaped, does not produce an angle greater than thirty degrees, or at no place are the faces more than thirty-six inches apart, provided that they are attached on a common structure.

Extended support structures shall not be considered countable face area, provided such area is not utilized in the future for permanent commercial copy.

Multiple Sign faces which do not meet this requirement shall be computed by adding together the area of all individual sign faces. If the two faces of a double-faced sign are of unequal area, the area of the sign shall be taken as the area of the larger of the two faces.

Copy displaying the location address, phone number, hours of operation, or ‘welcome’ shall be allowed in addition to, but no greater than twenty percent of, the commercial face size allowance.

b. Area of Wall, Projecting, Canopy and Awning Signs:

The area shall be calculated, when enclosed by a cabinet, on a flat panel, or as channel letters as the area within a continuous perimeter enclosing the limits of writing, representation, emblem, other display, or any figure or similar character, together with any frame, material, color, or cabinet limits of the display.

For individual letters attached to a wall, calculations may be made by measuring the area around each word grouping or symbol, and then adding together the cumulative totals.

Copy printed or imprinted on awning material shall be measured by the limits of the copy and not the limits of the awning material to which it is printed.

Banners and other special sign types shall be measured from top to bottom and end to end, regardless of any area which may not contain any copy.

- c. Height – The height of a freestanding sign shall be computed as the distance from the base of the sign at normal grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign or sign structure, whichever is higher.

Normal grade shall be construed to be the lower of:

(1) Existing grade prior to construction, or

(2) The newly established grade after construction, exclusive of any filling, berming, mounding, or excavating solely for the purpose of locating the sign.

- d. Depth – For a Projecting, Canopy, Mansard and Wall/Building Signs:  
The depth shall be measured as the distance from the farthest point of projection of the sign or sign structure to the surface of the wall it is mounted to.

Wall/Building signs shall not extend more than twenty-four inches from the face of the structure it is mounted to, and shall only be allowed copy facing parallel to the wall to which it is mounted, or it shall otherwise be construed to be a projecting sign.

### 3. Sign Setbacks and Spacing (all freestanding type):

- a. Unless otherwise specified, required sign setbacks and other distances as required to be measured, (IE: spacing), shall be measured, in direct line, or from the nearest point of the private property line along the street right-of-way, or when measured from a side or rear yard, it shall be measured from the nearest point along that private property line. When in question, it shall be the responsibility of the property owner to demonstrate the exact location of said private property line(s).
- b. Setbacks and spacing shall be measured from the sign at its nearest point (vertical line from limits of the cabinet down to ground) to the closest property line, public right-of-way line, or building wall, or other applicable sign.
- c. Unless otherwise provided, all on-site freestanding or on-site non-exempted signs shall be set back:
  - (1) A minimum of five feet, at its closest point, from any street or public right-of-way;
  - (2) A minimum of five feet from any side or rear property lines; and
  - (3) A minimum of five feet from the nearest wall of any building or structure on the property.

Where meeting a setback from a street right-of-way, property line or building would cause the sign structure to infringe on existing vehicular use areas, or where right-of-way width is greater than sixty feet, said setbacks can be adjusted by the Development Manager down to a minimum of zero,

when upon review and inspection that it is found that no adverse impacts would otherwise result. Setbacks for off-site signs are not eligible for adjustments, and are as required in 4.19.20.11.

- d. Unless otherwise specified, all permanent and temporary sign faces that are at a height greater than two and one-half feet and less than six feet above ground grade, shall be located behind a sight distance triangle that is formed by a diagonal line connecting two points that are each twenty-five feet from the intersection of the right-of-way lines of two intersecting streets and ten feet from the intersection of a street and a driveway cut or curb cut.

Instances when utilizing these line-of-sight triangles, in relation to existing road right-of-way dimensions, driveway or curb cut locations, and/or existing adjacent painted stop bars or other vehicular traffic control measures, will create an unsafe vehicular use situation; the Development Manager, with agreement by the Building Official or Public Works Director, shall have the authority to require all signage setbacks to be increased to the point deemed to no longer present a line-of-sight obstruction.

Sign supports which are in excess of one square foot in cross-sectional area or a series of supports which cumulatively provide less than seventy percent visibility, shall subject the sign to this same setback requirement.

Signs proposed in non-right-of-way driveway /curb-cut medians shall be setback a minimum of ten feet back from any painted or required stop-bar or stop sign, or other vehicular traffic control measure.

#### 4. Maximum Height, Size and Number:

Signs shall be limited according to the standards as provided in **Section 4.19.20.9.3.**, unless otherwise provided for in the LDR.

#### 5. Painted Wall Signs:

- a. Painted wall signs deemed commercial in content shall be regulated in the same manner as other wall signs and shall be subject to the restriction in number, size, and location as provided in these Sign Regulations.
- b. Historic wall murals listed as a historic resource in the Comprehensive Plan shall not be deemed as commercial.

#### 6. Maintenance (off-site signs shall also be bound by 4.19.20.11., as applicable):

- a. Signs shall be kept clean, neatly painted, and maintained at all times so as to remain legible and not become detrimental to public health, safety, and general community aesthetics. This includes but is not limited to keeping the sign free from: rust, chipped, faded or peeling paint, cracked or otherwise damaged plastic panels or pylons, faulty or improper electrical wiring, loose or unsafe fastenings, and sharp or otherwise dangerous protrusions.
- b. No trash or rubbish shall be allowed to accumulate in the area around a sign and all weeds shall be kept out from surrounding landscaping.
- c. No discarded or replaced portions of a previously erected sign that has been repaired or replaced shall be allowed to accumulate in the area around a sign.



- d. Any abandoned, dilapidated or neglected sign(s) and/or sign structure(s) that is/are structurally unsound or illegible due to damage, lack of maintenance or lack of any displayed copy area relating in its subject matter to the premises on which it is located, or to products, services, accommodations, or activities on the premises, shall either be repaired if conforming; or completely removed, including all components of said structure down level with ground grade, by the property owner or sign owner, no later than thirty calendar days after written notification from the Building Official or Code Enforcement Officer is received.

If the property owner or sign owner fails to comply within thirty calendar days after written notification, the City may pursue other enforcement procedures as described in the Code of Ordinances, Land Development Regulations and/or Florida Statutes, Chapter 162.

Establishments which have no current tenant, which are advertised as available for rent or sale, may continue to display a sign or sign structure with no copy, provided the sign or sign structure is otherwise maintained in accordance with these Sign Regulations.

At which point a vacant unit or building is leased or sold and the new business seeks to open, all sign structures shall be required to be updated to remove advertising for the previous business and to advertise the new business, or be removed altogether.

Additionally, no building permit or occupational city business tax license shall be issued until all sign standards as provided for herein are found to be met.

- e. Any abandoned, dilapidated, or neglected sign(s) and sign structure(s) that are not repaired and removed, as provided in **Section 4.19.20.7.(d)**, may not be reused unless the owner is granted zoning approval and a building permit for a new sign. As a new sign, it will be required to conform to existing regulations in place at time of application.

#### **4.19.20.8. Prohibited Signs and/or Instances.**

It shall be a violation of, and punishable as provided by, these LDR, The Live Oak Code of Ordinances or Florida Statutes, as applicable, to erect, post, display, place, construct, enlarge, move, maintain, substantially change, alter, utilize, convert, or replace:

1. A sign which constitutes a traffic hazard or which is a detriment to vehicular or pedestrian traffic safety by reason of its size, location, movement, content, glare, or method of illumination or reflection, or by or by obstructing, interfering, or detracting from the visibility or view of any official traffic control sign, signal or device, or by diverting or tending to divert the attention of drivers from traffic movement on streets, roads, driveways, parking areas, or access facilities.

Such signs, when discovered or reported, and unless said instances pose an immediate danger to life and safety, shall be brought to the attention by the applicable City Staff or Department, at the next regular meeting, for discussion and possible action, otherwise, they shall be enforced as provided for herein.

2. The display of flashing or revolving: red, green, blue, yellow, amber, or any color achieved by their combination thereof, lights, and except for traditional barber poles.
3. A sign which obstructs the visibility or vision of drivers or pedestrians.

4. Display of the words “Stop”, “Look”, or “Danger”, or other similar words, phrases, symbols or characters, or those mimicking official traffic control devices.
5. Any sign, including displayed website addresses or phone numbers, in conjunction with an establishment, vendor, service, organization or use, which has not been approved by method of application for a City Business License to exist or operate at that same location; or when previously approved, any type displayed when said establishment, vendor, service, organization or use is no longer operating, conducting business or available at that location.
6. An animated sign; including those that flash, blink, revolve, or show any form of movement or sequential or changing lighting or display, except for variable message board signs that are programmed to meet the standards of **Section 4.19.20.10.(5)**, and except for traditional barber poles.
7. Attention-getting devices, as defined in Article 2, or any sign which displays intermittent lights not embodied in the sign, or any rotating or flashing light within 100 feet of the outside boundary of the right-of-way of any highway on the State Highway System, interstate highway system, or federal-aid primary highway system or which is illuminated in such a manner so as to cause glare or to impair the vision of motorists or otherwise distract motorists so as to interfere with the motorists’ ability to safely operate their vehicles.
8. Signs that resemble any official traffic control device or emergency vehicle markings.
9. Signs attached to or painted on motor vehicles, trailers or movable machinery or containers of any type, which are conspicuously parked and visible from a public right-of-way so as to have an effect similar to that of a sign.

This does not include regular tagged, insured and operating work related motor powered vehicles which the business is actively using to conduct business in the City, with professionally and permanently installed business related sign copy, owned and maintained by the licensed business at that location, which are located in designated parking spaces or areas at the business locale, or which may be actively conducting business elsewhere; however, it does include all mobile billboard trucks or trailers.

10. A sign attached to any publicly owned utility pole, light pole, telephone pole, flag pole, etc.
11. A sign or snipe sign attached to a rock, tree or other form of vegetation, or other structure or surface not provided for herein.
12. A non-permanent sign attached to a legally erected and permitted existing sign structure, which is not part of the previously permitted existing face or cabinet, which creates a vehicular or pedestrian line of sight visibility obstruction.
13. Banners, signs, flags or wraps which are ripped, torn, frayed, faded, homemade, hand painted, or otherwise not professionally printed.
14. Roof signs, other than legally existing and permitted mansard signs, but including any non-freestanding sign, or sign or other attention getting device, erected, posted, displayed, maintained, substantially changed, constructed or replaced, which extends at any point above the roof line of a building or structure.

15. A canopy sign that extends at any point above the top of the canopy.
16. A canopy sign on a portable canopy or tent, unless said canopy or tent has been legally applied for and permitted by the Building Official, in conjunction with a special event.
17. A wall, mansard or canopy sign that extends at any point above the top of the roof like façade to which it is mounted.
18. A sign or other material, items or product erected or placed in or overhanging the right-of-way of a street, road or public right-of-way, except as specifically provided by these LDR.
19. A sign erected on public property other than signs erected by a public authority for public purposes, unless otherwise authorized by these LDR.
20. Temporary, or non-approved permanent, off-site or off-premise signs, advertising, yard or directional signs, including off-site website addresses and off-site phone numbers displayed. Proposed permanent off-site or off-premise signage must be applied for, reviewed and approved as specifically required and permitted by these LDR.
21. A sign so located on or against a building or structure, in such a way as to prevent or restrict free ingress or egress from or through any door, window, entrance-way, breeze-way or fire escape, required or designed for access to or from any building structure, sidewalk or walkway of a building, or which obstructs or interferes with openings required for proper light or ventilation.
22. An externally illuminated sign which results in glare or adverse reflection of light visible, from the right-of-way, or from any residentially zoned or utilized property.
23. A canopy, marquee, projecting, awning or hanging sign with less than the required feet of clearance between the bottom of the sign and the ground, sidewalk or driveway surface located beneath or adjacent to.
24. An electronic message board or variable message board sign, located on any wall or any other location other than in conjunction with a permanent legally existing and permitted static free-standing sign; or one whose display is determined to be in violation of **Section 4.19.20.10.(5)**. This does not include those within buildings, which are not visible from a street right-of-way, or fifteen or more feet from any window.
25. Search lights, strobe lights, and beacons or any other form of light directed so as to attract attention to an establishment, good, service or event.
26. Signs which emit visible smoke, vapor, particles, odor, or audible sounds.
27. Signs or attention getting devices over one cubic foot in size, that are inflated or that utilize compressed or forced air, which do not meet the requirements under **Section 4.19.20.10.(2)**.
28. Signs with lighting or control mechanisms which cause communications interference.
29. Signs commonly referred to as wind signs, consisting of one or more pole pennants, pole feather flags, ribbons, spinners, streamers or other attention getting devices or objects or material fastened

in such a manner as to move upon being subjected to pressure by wind, which do not meet the requirements found under **Section 4.19.20.10.(1)**.

30. Signs, except otherwise provided for herein, located on waste containers, dumpsters or other forms of street furniture, except previously approved commercial bus or street benches.
31. Dilapidated or abandoned signs or sign structures.
32. Multi-Vision and Tri-Vision signs, except when applied for and approved as provided herein, on a legally existing off-site billboard structure.
33. Incidental signs which exceed the allowable count, size or square footage, or placement standards.
34. Any sign displayed on a living non-human animal.
35. Converting a previously approved portable sign into a permanent sign by method of structurally securing it in any way or in a permanent manner, to the ground or other permanent structure secured to the ground.
36. A sign boot, banner or other pre-manufactured material or fabric that serves to cover or surround an existing sign cabinet, which is not professionally printed and installed.
37. Any sign located on any part of the surface of a bench or seat placed on or adjacent to a public right-of-way, which is not in conformance with Article II., Advertising Benches, of the Live Oak Code of Ordinances; or any such bench not located in a Commercial-General or Commercial-Intensive Zoning District.
38. An electronic variable message board sign, when mounted within an exterior window, or on an exterior wall, which faces a street right-of-way.
39. Projected images or messages onto buildings or other objects, or holographic or laser beam type signs displayed in open air space.
40. Signs which are manufactured out of natural or man-made substances, which are created and then released into the air, to traverse airspace within or over any portion of the City.
41. Bare bulbs on signage which are in excess of sixteen watts.
42. Signs displaying copy that is harmful or prohibited to minors, or otherwise unlawful, not including alcohol or tobacco products.
43. Supergraphic ads, any building wrap, or any graphics affixed to or displayed on a building wall or any other surface which would require a permit to erect, which are commercial in nature, and which are not part of a legally permitted sign structure. Non-commercial art or mural wraps are allowed.

**4.19.20.9. On-Site Signs Permitted by Specific Criteria and Type by Zoning District**

Unless otherwise specified in these LDR, the following shall govern on-site signs (see Article 2 for definition), at businesses licensed by the City to operate. Allowances shall be subject to the inclusion of the size, etc. of any existing signage previously installed, which is intended to remain intact.

The signs described in this Section shall require review and approval of the City Development Manager and may require subsequent issuance of a sign permit from the City Building Official, subject to standards and conditions applicable to signs in certain zoning districts and other criteria as found listed herein established in the LDR of the City of Live Oak, and/or in applicable building codes.

This section does not create zones or districts, nor does it make any provisions for off-site signage allowances not subject to **Section 4.19.20.11**. Unless otherwise provided in these Sign Regulations, any sign not specifically permitted in a zoning district as provided in this section shall be prohibited in that zoning district.

**4.19.20.9.1. Superscript and Abbreviation Chart**

The Table of Standards, **Section 4.19.20.9.3.**, is what provides for or restricts the available sign standards. Once the zoning of the property, property type and size, etc. and sign type sought is determined, there will also be found small superscript number (**SS#**) references, (**example = <sup>1</sup>**), within certain areas of the table. The meaning and application of those superscript numbers is then found in the below chart.

The following ‘Superscript and Abbreviation Chart’ shall define the meaning and application for all superscript and abbreviated references as indicated in the Table of Standards, which shall, when indicated, govern said structure, display or instance, in said manner.

<b>Superscript and Abbreviation Chart</b>	
<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description of Standard Which Is Applicable</b> <b>Ⓕ= feet ; Ⓖ= inches; sf = square feet ; ROW = Right-of-way</b>
1	Permitted on a parcel of record, where there exists a principal building with a licensed and approved use, allowed either by right, or which has been granted by way of a Special Exception, except for locations of single-family or duplex dwellings, community residential homes, and home occupations.
2	For additional standards, See <b>Section 4.19.20.7.</b> , General Regulations.
3	Along a road segment <b>not</b> designated Level 2 or 3; and also 3’s which are a Local Road
4	Along a road segment designated <b>as a</b> Level 2; and also 3’s which are a Collector Road
5	Along a road segment designated <b>as a</b> Level 2 which is <b>also</b> designated as an Arterial Road.
6-a	Along a road segment designated <b>as a</b> Level 3 which is <b>also</b> designated as an Arterial Road.
6-b	Along a road segment designated <b>as a</b> Level 3.
7	Along a road segment designated <b>as a</b> Level 2 <b>or</b> 3.
8	On parcels < <b>1</b> acre in size.
9	On parcels ≥ <b>1</b> acres in size.
10	On parcels ≥ <b>1 and</b> < <b>2</b> acres in size.
11	On parcels ≥ <b>2 and</b> < <b>4</b> acres in size.
12	On parcels ≥ <b>4</b> acres in size.
13	One (2-face) freestanding sign allowed, per parcel, per street frontage, or one for every <b>500Ⓕ</b> of linear street frontage, subject to limitations of Primary and Secondary standards - See 4.19.20.7.(g)
14	One (2-face) freestanding sign allowed, per parcel, per street frontage, or one for every <b>200Ⓕ</b> of linear street frontage, subject to limitations of Primary and Secondary standards - See 4.19.20.7.(g)

15	A multiple-use parcel freestanding sign's face size may be increased by <b>20%</b> (to the listed allowance) in order to communicate the Center/Plaza name, if one exists, or to provide for additional space for newly created tenant spaces.
16	Multiple-use parcels must utilize a shared freestanding sign with tenant spaces.
17	Must maintain a minimum <b>100 foot separation</b> from any other freestanding sign located on the same parcel.
18	Must maintain a minimum <b>50 foot separation</b> from any other freestanding sign located on the same parcel.
19	Pole sign must not show any exposed poles.
20	Maximum Face Size can be increased by up to <b>50%</b> , (to the listed allowance), for the addition of a variable message board or fuel price component, however, in no case shall any message board face exceed 60% of the Maximum Face Size (standard area), or 50 square feet, whichever is smaller, of the sign to which it is installed on or in conjunction with.
21	Maximum Face Size can be increased by up to <b>30%</b> , (to the listed allowance), for the addition of a variable message board or fuel price component, however, in no case shall any message board face exceed 60% of the Maximum Face Size (standard area), or 50 square feet, whichever is smaller, of the sign to which it is installed on or in conjunction with.
22	Or if greater, <b>one sf per one</b> linear foot of building frontage, outside wall to outside wall, which contains <b>an operating/functioning/legal public entrance, up to maximum of 120 sf.</b>
23	Or if greater, <b>one sf per one</b> linear foot of building frontage, outside wall to outside wall, which contains <b>an operating/functioning/legal public entrance, up to maximum of 90 sf.</b>
24	Or if greater, <b>one sf per one</b> linear feet of building wall length, outside wall to outside wall, which contains <b>no public entrance, up to maximum of 60 sf.</b>
25	Or if greater, <b>one sf per one</b> linear feet of building wall length, outside wall to outside wall, which contains <b>no public entrance, up to maximum of 45 sf.</b>
26	Maximum face size can be increased by <b>50%</b> if public entrance is greater than 150 foot setback from the public right-of-way or if sign is, at its lowest point, is greater than 35 feet from the normal grade directly below it.
27	Allowance is for each licensed tenant space or separate business use on the multi-use parcel, so long as said business contains and maintains a separate dedicated customer entrance, and is addressed as a separate storefront from others.
28	Non-entrance wall sign must face towards, and be visible from, a fronted street ROW, parking lot area, or on a wall with a customer access point (not a service or loading alley or residential street). If more appropriate, the allowances for the entrance size may be swapped with the non-entrance allowances.
29	Allowed one of each type per building or structure side; cumulative total may be divided equally to 2 or more sides. For a detached structure, the entrance side is considered parallel to the entrance and all other sides are considered non-entrance walls. Awning refers to lettering printed on, and wholly contained within awning dimensions. The lowest point of a projecting or awning sign must be a minimum: 7 feet above any adjacent sidewalk elevation and 12 feet above any adjacent driveway. Limited to extending out in a horizontal direction from the wall of the building to which it is attached a maximum of eight (8') feet, or in no case closer than one (1') foot to the curb line, as measured vertical line to grade.
30	When building is designed with a covered walk-way or awning which can support a hanging sign. The lowest point must be a minimum of 7 feet above sidewalk elevation. Limited to 2 perpendicular to building, non-illuminated, on each side containing a public entrance. One parallel may substitute for 2 perpendicular, however size is then limited to 150% of stated sf allowance.
31	Provided that their light source shall be directed so as to not cast any glare on or towards the street right-of-way or onto any adjacent properties.
32	Subdivision or Development Entrance Identification Sign copy are limited to just the center, plaza or development name and address; and shall not contain any individual tenant or branding signage.

33	For developments containing multiple, individually owned parcels, the acreage allowance shall be calculated as the total acreage for all lots served by the entrance.
34	One such sign allowed within 50 feet of an intersection forming an entrance into any multi-use parcel, center, subdivision or apartment development. To qualify for additional signs for multiple entrances, must have minimum separation of 200 feet, along same road frontage, between entrances. A Commercial Center may also place one such wall sign on a building wall which fronts and is parallel to a public right-of-way, in addition to the allowances for a freestanding sign.
35	One such sign allowed, within 50 feet of an intersection forming an entrance, for each lane of ingress/egress drive or curb-cut.
36	One such sign allowed within development for each 5,000 sf of parking lot or paved driveway area.
37	If located within the line of sight triangle.
38	If located outside of the line of sight triangle.
39	Only in conjunction with a legally existing permanent accessory structure which contains a customer access service point, and only on a side or face which is visible to a public right-of-way, driveway or sidewalk. Such signs shall be mounted to the side of face of such structure and shall not increase overall the size or dimensions of such structure in any way.
40	On parcels which are determined by the City to be publically owned, or on parcels wholly owned and maintained by a non-profit organization, as defined herein, which are located in a Zoning District other than those which contain 'Industrial' or 'Commercial' in their titles, which contain a legally inspected, approved and operating establishment or use, with no outstanding code or LDR violations, proposed signage shall be subject to the allowances provided for under the OI, REC, PUB, EDU heading.
<b>Other Abbreviations</b>	
Max	Maximum
M	Monument Style Sign, maximum 2 faces.
SLP	Single-leg Post Style, maximum 2 faces.
DLP	Double-leg Post Style, maximum 2 faces.
PL	Pole Sign, maximum 2 faces.
WL	Wall Mounted Sign
P	Permitted Use, however subject to applicable superscript number, and other applicable criteria.
x	Prohibited Use – not allowed under any circumstances.
SE	Conditionally Permitted Use – when applied for and approved via a Special Exception application and Board of Adjustment public hearing, and then subject to standards found under 'P'.

**4.19.20.9.2. Road and Street Level Type Designations**

Following are the road and street Level Type designations which shall govern signage as provided for herein. These designations are solely pertaining to sign standard consistency, and in no way set a precedent for any other type of land use or zoning action.

<b>Road and Street Level Type Designations Chart</b>		
<b>Road or Street Segment</b>	<b>Level Type Designation</b>	<b>Comprehensive Plan Road Classification</b>
US 129 from north City Limits to Winderweedle Street	3	Arterial
US 129 from Winderweedle Street to Pinewood Drive	2	Arterial
US 129 from Pinewood Drive to south City Limits	3	Arterial
US 90 from east City Limits to east 500 Block	3	Arterial
US 90 from east 400 Block to Church Avenue	2	Arterial
US 90 from Church Avenue to west City Limits	3	Arterial
State Road 51 from the southwest City Limits through Nott Circle to intersection with US 129	3	Arterial
CR 136/11 <sup>th</sup> Street from west City Limits to Nott Circle	3	Collector
CR 136/Duval Street from Lime Avenue to east City Limits	2	Local/ Collector
72 <sup>nd</sup> Trace - from US 129 west to CR 795 and east/southeast to US 90	3	Local
5 <sup>th</sup> Street from Madison Street to Houston Avenue	3	Local
Goldkist Boulevard from Voyles Street/US 90 to 8 <sup>th</sup> Street	3	Local
Goldkist Boulevard from 8 <sup>th</sup> Street to CR 136/11 <sup>th</sup> Street	2	Local
Grand Street and Canyon Avenue	2	Local
Helvenston Street from US 90 to US 129	2	Collector
CR 795/Houston Avenue from north City Limits to intersection with King Street	3	Collector
Houston Avenue from intersection with King Street to 11 <sup>th</sup> Street	2	Collector
Industrial Avenue	3	Local
Lee Avenue from Helvenston Street to CR 136	2	Collector
Madison Street	3	Local
Mussey Avenue from US 90 to CR 136	2	Local
Nobles Ferry Road	3	Collector
Palm Avenue	2	Local
Parshley Street from US 129 to Houston Avenue	2	Collector
Pinewood Drive	3	Collector
Pinewood Way – US 129 to Pinewood Drive	2	Local
Railroad Avenue from US 90 to Westmoreland Street	2	Collector
Silas Drive	2	Local
Vista Drive and Ranchera Street	2	Local
Voyles Street	3	Local
Walker Avenue from intersection with Winderweedle Street to south City Limits	3	Collector/Local
White Avenue from US 90 to Helvenston	2	Collector
Winderweedle Street from intersection with US 129 to Walker Avenue	3	Collector
All other roads and road segments not referenced	1	Local



**4.19.20.9.3. Tables of Standards**

The following tables of standards, in conjunction with the Superscript and Abbreviation Chart, Road and Street Level Type Designations Chart, and other applicable standards in the Land Development Regulations and Florida Statutes, shall govern certain allowances for various permanent (unless otherwise specified) signage, at various locations within the City, according to the applicable zoning district which applies to said parcel, or portion of parcel (if split-zoned), as well as other criteria as specified.

<b>Zoning District Abbreviation Chart</b>			
<b>Zoning District Abbreviation</b>	<b>District Name</b>	<b>Zoning District Abbreviation</b>	<b>District Name</b>
CSV	Conservation	EDU	Educational
A-1	Agricultural	CN	Commercial-Neighborhood
RSF	All Residential Single Family	CG	Commercial-General
RMH-P	Residential Manufactured Home Park	CI	Commercial-Intensive
RMF	Residential Multi-Family	CSC	Commercial-Shopping Center
PRD	Planned Residential Development	CM	Commercial Mixed Use
RO	Residential-Office	PMUD	Planned Mixed Use Development
OI	Office-Institutional aka Office	CD	Commercial-Downtown aka Commercial-Central Business District
REC	Recreational	ILW	Industrial – Light and Warehousing
PUB	Public	I	Industrial

All allowances not specifically referenced shall thereby be prohibited.

Static (non-flashing) outline or strip lighting, LED’s, or any other form of building or structure outline illumination, located on corners, eaves, ridges, fascias, or other portions of buildings or structures, are permitted only in Commercial-General (C-G), Commercial-Intensive (C-I), Commercial-Mixed (C-M) and Commercial-Shopping Center (CSC) Zoning Districts, only on Level 2 or 3 road segments, only on portions of the building which front or are visible from the Level 2 or 3 road right-of-way; when no glare will be cast onto the right-of-way or onto adjacent residential properties, and only when applied for, reviewed and approved on a standard sign review application, and only when issued the appropriate electrical or building permit.

All face sizes listed are in square footage (sf).

SIGN TYPE & ASSOCIATED CRITERIA <b>SINGLE-USE PARCELS CHART</b> (one business on the property)		ALLOWANCES PER ZONING DISTRICT – SS# 1, 2, 40											
		CSV A-1	ALL RSF	RMH-P RMF PRD RO	OI REC PUB EDU	CN	CG	CI	CSC	CM PMUD	CD	ILW I	
<b>Freestanding Signs</b>		SS#											
Allowable Type		M	M, SLP, DLP	M, SLP, DLP	M, SLP, DLP, PL <sup>19</sup>	M, SLP, DLP, PL <sup>19</sup>	M, SLP, DLP, PL	M, SLP, DLP, PL	M, SLP, DLP, PL	M, SLP, DLP, PL <sup>19</sup>	M, SLP, DLP, PL <sup>19</sup>	M, SLP, DLP, PL <sup>19</sup>	
Maximum Height	<sup>3</sup>	4¢	6¢	8¢	10¢	8¢	12¢	12¢	12¢	12¢	12¢	6¢	12¢
	<sup>4</sup>	6¢	8¢	10¢	15¢	10¢	15¢	15¢	15¢	15¢	15¢	9¢	15¢
	<sup>6-a</sup>	10¢	10¢	12¢	18¢	12¢	18¢	18¢	18¢	18¢	18¢	12¢	18¢
Maximum Face Size (standard area)	<sup>8, 20</sup>	16	16	24	32	24	48	64	64	64	64	32	64
	<sup>10, 20</sup>	24	24	32	48	32	64	72	72	72	72	48	72
	<sup>11, 21</sup>	32	32	48	64	48	72	96	96	96	96	64	96
	<sup>12, 21</sup>	50	50	64	72	64	96	120	120	120	120	72	120
Maximum Number Allowed		1 <sup>13, 17</sup>	1 <sup>13, 17</sup>	1 <sup>13, 17</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>	1 <sup>13, 17</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>	1 <sup>13, 17</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>
Internal Illumination	<sup>7</sup>	P x <sup>3</sup>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
External Illumination	<sup>31</sup>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Electronic Variable	<sup>4</sup>	x	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Message Board Component	<sup>5, 6-b</sup>	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Neon & Day Glow Type	<sup>7</sup>	x	x	x	x	x	x	P	P	P	P	SE	P
<b>Attached Canopy, Mansard Wall / Building Signs</b>													
Maximum Face Size – Public entrance wall	<sup>26</sup>	12 <sup>23</sup>	24 <sup>23</sup>	40 <sup>23</sup>	40 <sup>22</sup>	40 <sup>23</sup>	50 <sup>22</sup>	50 <sup>22</sup>	50 <sup>22</sup>	50 <sup>22</sup>	50 <sup>22</sup>	40 <sup>23</sup>	50 <sup>22</sup>
Max. Face Size – Other non-entrance wall	<sup>28</sup>	6 <sup>25</sup>	12 <sup>25</sup>	20 <sup>25</sup>	20 <sup>24</sup>	20 <sup>25</sup>	30 <sup>24</sup>	30 <sup>24</sup>	30 <sup>24</sup>	30 <sup>24</sup>	30 <sup>24</sup>	20 <sup>25</sup>	30 <sup>24</sup>
Internal Illumination	<sup>7</sup>	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
External Illumination	<sup>31</sup>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Electronic Message Board Component		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neon & Day Glow Type	<sup>7</sup>	x	x	x	x	x	P	P	P	P	P	SE	P
<b>Detached Canopy, Projecting / Awning Signs</b>													
Maximum Face Size – Public entrance wall	<sup>29</sup>	12	18	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Max. Face Size – Other non-entrance wall	<sup>29</sup>	6	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Internal Illumination	<sup>7</sup>	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
External Illumination	<sup>31</sup>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Electronic Message Board Component		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neon & Day Glow Type		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>(Under)-Canopy/Awning/Walkway Sign</b>													
Maximum Face Size	<sup>30</sup>	6	6	6	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

SIGN TYPE & ASSOCIATED CRITERIA MULTI-USE PARCEL / SHOPPING & OFFICE CENTERS CHART (more than one business on the property)	ALLOWANCES PER ZONING DISTRICT – SS# 1, 2, 40											
	CSV A-1	ALL RSF	RMH-P RMF PRD RO	OI REC PUB EDU	CN	CG	CI	CSC	CM PMUD	CD	ILW I	
<b>Freestanding Sign</b>	SS#											
Allowable Type	15, 16	M	M, SLP, DLP	M, SLP, DLP	M, SLP, DLP, PL <sup>19</sup>	M, SLP, DLP, PL <sup>19</sup>	M, SLP, DLP, PL	M, SLP, DLP, PL	M, SLP, DLP, PL	M, SLP, DLP, PL <sup>19</sup>	M, SLP, DLP, PL <sup>19</sup>	M, SLP, DLP, PL
Maximum Height	3 4 6-a	4¢ 6¢ 10¢	6¢ 8¢ 10¢	8¢ 10¢ 12¢	10¢ 15¢ 18¢	8¢ 10¢ 12¢	12¢ 15¢ 18¢	12¢ 15¢ 18¢	12¢ 15¢ 18¢	12¢ 15¢ 18¢	6¢ 9¢ 12¢	12¢ 15¢ 18¢
Maximum Face Size(standard)	8, 20 10, 20 11, 21 12, 21	16 24 32 50	16 24 32 50	32 48 64 72	48 64 72 96	32 48 64 72	64 72 96 120	72 96 120 144	72 96 120 144	72 96 120 144	48 64 72 96	72 96 120 144
Number Allowed		1 <sup>13, 17</sup>	1 <sup>13, 17</sup>	1 <sup>13, 17</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>	1 <sup>13, 17</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>	1 <sup>13, 17</sup>	1 <sup>14, 18</sup>
Internal Illumination	7	P x <sup>3</sup>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
External Illumination	31	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Electronic Message Board Component	4 5, 6-b	x x	SE P	SE P	SE P	SE P	SE P	SE P	SE P	SE P	SE P	SE P
Neon & Day Glow Type	7	x	x	x	x	x	P	P	P	P	SE	P
<b>Attached Canopy, Mansard Wall / Building<sup>27</sup></b>												
Maximum Face Size – Public entrance wall	26	12 <sup>23</sup>	24 <sup>23</sup>	40 <sup>23</sup>	40 <sup>22</sup>	40 <sup>23</sup>	50 <sup>22</sup>	50 <sup>22</sup>	50 <sup>22</sup>	50 <sup>22</sup>	40 <sup>23</sup>	50 <sup>22</sup>
Max. Face Size – Other non-entrance wall	28	6 <sup>25</sup>	12 <sup>25</sup>	20 <sup>25</sup>	20 <sup>24</sup>	20 <sup>25</sup>	30 <sup>24</sup>	30 <sup>24</sup>	30 <sup>24</sup>	30 <sup>24</sup>	20 <sup>25</sup>	30 <sup>24</sup>
Internal Illumination	7	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
External Illumination	31	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Electronic Message Board Component		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neon & Day Glow Type	7	x	x	x	x	x	P	P	P	P	SE	P
<b>Detached Canopy, Projecting / Awning<sup>27</sup></b>												
Maximum Face Size – Public entrance wall	29	12	18	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Max. Face Size – Other non-entrance wall	29	6	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Internal Illumination	7	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
External Illumination	31	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Electronic Message Board Component		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neon & Day Glow Type		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>(Under)-Canopy/Awning/Walkway Sign<sup>27</sup></b>												
Maximum Face Size	30	6	6	6	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

SIGN TYPE & ASSOCIATED CRITERIA MULTI-USE PARCEL / SHOPPING & OFFICE CENTERS / SUBDIVISIONS & APARTMENT COMPLEXES CHART	ALLOWANCES PER ZONING DISTRICT – SS# 1, 2, 40											
	CSV A-1	ALL RSF	RMH-P RMF PRD RO	OI REC PUB EDU	CN	CG	CI	CSC	CM PMUD	CD	ILW I	
<b>Subdivision or Development Entrance Identification Signs</b> 32, 33	SS#											
Allowable Type		M	M, WL	M, WL	M, WL, PL 19	M, WL, PL 19	M, WL, PL 19	M, WL, PL 19	M, WL, PL 19	M, WL, PL 19	M, WL, PL 19	M, WL, PL 19
Maximum Height (M, PL)		4¢	6¢	8¢	8¢	6¢	6¢	8¢	8¢	8¢	6¢	8¢
Maximum Face Size	8	16	16	16	32	16	32	32	32	32	16	32
	10	24	24	24	48	24	48	48	48	48	24	48
	11	32	32	32	64	32	64	64	64	64	32	64
	12	48	48	48	72	48	72	72	72	72	48	72
Number Allowed	18, 34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Internal Illumination	7	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
External Illumination	31	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Electronic Message Board Component		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neon & Day Glow Type		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>SINGLE-USE &amp; MULTI-USE PARCELS</b>												
<b>Directional Signs</b>												
Allowable Type		M, PL, WL	M, PL, WL	M, PL, WL	M, PL, WL	M, PL, WL	M, PL, WL	M, PL, WL	M, PL, WL	M, PL, WL	M, PL, WL	M, PL, WL
Maximum Height (M, PL)	37	30¢	30¢	30¢	30¢	30¢	30¢	30¢	30¢	30¢	30¢	30¢
	38	3¢	3¢	3¢	4¢	3¢	4¢	4¢	4¢	4¢	3¢	4¢
Maximum Face Size		4	4	4	6	4	6	6	6	6	4	6
Number Allowed	35, 36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Internal Illumination	7	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
External Illumination	31	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Electronic Message Board Component		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neon & Day Glow Type		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>ACCESSORY STRUCTURES</b>												
Maximum Face Size (the lesser of 30% of the area of the structure side or face, or ®)		x	x	x	12	12	24	24	24	24	12	24
Number Allowed – per facility side	39	x	x	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Internal / External Illumination	7/31	x	x	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Electronic Message Board Component		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neon & Day Glow Type		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

SIGN TYPE & ASSOCIATED CRITERIA <b>CONVENIENCE STORES WITH FUEL SALES OR AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE STATIONS</b> (when use permitted by Zoning)	ALLOWANCES PER ZONING DISTRICT – SS# 1, 2, 40											
	CSV A-1	ALL RSF	RMH-P RMF PRD RO	OI REC PUB EDU	CN	CG	CI	CSC	CM PMUD	CD	ILW I	
<b>Fuel Canopy Signs</b>	SS#											
Maximum Face Size		x	x	x	x	12	24	24	24	24	12	24
Number Allowed – per fuel canopy side		x	x	x	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Internal / External Illumination	7/31	x	x	x	x	x	P	P	P	x	x	P
Electronic Message Board Component		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neon & Day Glow Type		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Spreader Bars Above Pumps</b>												
Maximum Face Size (2-faced)		x	x	x	x	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Number Allowed – per pump machine		x	x	x	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Internal / External Illumination		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Electronic Message Board Component		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neon & Day Glow Type		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Incidental Ground Signs – Type I (Considered non-permanent)</b>												
Maximum Face Size (2-faced)		x	x	x	x	6	8	8	8	8	6	8
Maximum Height		x	x	x	x	4¢	4¢	4¢	4¢	4¢	4¢	4¢
Number Allowed – per street frontage		x	x	x	x	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Internal / External Illumination		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Electronic Message Board Component		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neon & Day Glow Type		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Accessory Car Wash</b>												
Maximum Face Size		x	x	x	x	12	24	24	24	24	12	24
Number Allowed – per facility side		x	x	x	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Internal / External Illumination		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Electronic Message Board Component		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neon & Day Glow Type		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Vehicle Repair Bays</b>												
Maximum Face Size		x	x	x	x	12	24	24	24	24	12	24
Number Allowed – per bay door		x	x	x	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Internal / External Illumination		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Electronic Message Board Component		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Neon & Day Glow Type		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

#### **4.19.20.10. Special Signage Types**

The following sign types shall require zoning review and approval and/or building permit issuance, unless otherwise allowed as an exempt-sign, see **Section 4.19.20.4.**

1. Temporary Pole Pennants or Pole Feather Flags:

- a. Shall be allowed on-site at a licensed: single or multi-use or multi-tenant commercial center or business establishment, only in C-I, C-G, CSC, I and ILW zoning districts, with copy limited to a good or service available in conjunction with said licensed on-site business. Additionally, allowed in C-CBD/C-D zoning districts, however, in no case shall such devices in said zoning district be any closer than seventy-five feet to the street right-of-way line of US-90 or US-129.
- b. Placement shall be temporary in nature, and shall be limited to being placed on private property, only at ground level, and only into solid earth, ground or where practical, into pavement areas; however, no vehicular access area or required parking space shall be obstructed by said device.
- c. On-site at licensed businesses, on parcels under one acre of size, two allowed per business along a Level 1 or 2 road, and no more than five along a Level 3 road. Must be set back a minimum of ten feet from any street right-of-way line, and must be located outside of line of sight triangles.
- d. On-site at licensed businesses, on parcels one or more acres in size, three allowed per acre of property, and must be located outside of line of sight triangles.
- e. All such devices must be properly secured to prevent them from being blown into the street ROW; and must be removed or relocated during inclement weather which may exceed the capacity for them to remain properly secured.
- f. Must be professionally printed on weatherproof material.
- g. Frayed, ripped, torn, frayed or faded flags shall be immediately taken down until a new replacement is obtained.

2. Inflatable Devices over one cubic foot in size:

(Specifically applies to those types which are non-human occupied)

- a. Shall be allowed on-site at a licensed single or multi-use or multi-tenant commercial center or business establishment, only in C-I, C-G, CSC, I and ILW zoning districts, with copy limited to a good or service available in conjunction with said licensed on-site business.
- b. Placement shall be temporary in nature, and limited to being installed only at ground level, and secured into solid earth, ground or where practical, into private pavement areas; however, no vehicular access area or required parking space shall be obstructed by said device.
- c. Up to 8' in height - must be on private property at the licensed business, located outside line of sight triangles.
- d. Over 8' in height - must be on private property at the licensed business, setback a minimum of twenty feet from the street right-of-way, and outside line of sight triangles.

- e. All such devices must be properly secured to prevent them from being blown into the street ROW; and must be removed or relocated during inclement weather which may exceed the capacity for them to remain properly secured.

3. Banners:

- a. Banners shall be allowed on-site at a licensed single or multi-use or multi-tenant commercial center or business establishment, when mounted to a flat wall in proximity to a customer entrance, in lieu of a permanent wall sign, limited to one such sign, forty square feet in face size, pertaining only to the business name, product, or services offered, and until a permanent wall or projecting sign is installed.
- b. Additional banners on-site at a licensed business establishment, pertaining only to the business name, product or services offered, shall be allowed in C-I, C-G, CSC, I and ILW zoning districts, as follows:
- c. Limited to a maximum face size of forty square feet, and may be either wall mounted or pole mounted as provided for herein.
- d. Banners are limited to two being displayed at any one time, per licensed establishment, only on the parcel where said establishment is licensed to operate.
- e. Banners must be securely anchored on all corners at all times, by method of metal grommets in the outer seam.
- f. When allowed, banners must be either mounted flat and directly to a wall, or, when allowed, securely tied between two posts, located on private property, securely mounted in the ground, and only after 811 has been called and utility locates marked.
- g. Banners tied to posts must not exceed five feet in overall height.
- h. Posts to which a banner is to be mounted shall be spaced no greater than one linear foot apart more than the actual length of the banner itself.
- i. Banners must meet all setbacks requirements applicable in these Sign Regulations.
- j. Banners shall not contain any illumination, reflectivity, streamers, pennants or other attention getting devices that are prohibited by these Sign Regulations.
- k. Banners must be professionally printed on weatherproof material.
- l. Frayed, ripped, torn, frayed or faded banners shall be immediately taken down until a new replacement is obtained.
- m. A new or replacement banner shall not be placed over or around an old banner.

- n. Banners shall not be tied between any support poles or columns which are attached to a structure that required a permit to erect in a manner which obstructs ingress or egress to the premises; nor shall they be tied to or between any tree, rock or other form of naturally occurring object.
- o. Banners may be secured to a fence on the premises of the licensed business, limited to no more than three, not to exceed a total of fifty square feet per one-hundred linear feet of fence.
- p. Banners shall not be secured to a non-primary or non-principle (accessory) structure wall, dumpster, furniture, balcony, vehicle, or any movable object.
- q. Banners may be tied to any existing signage or sign structures on the property, so long as line of sight visibility standards are maintained.
- r. Upon verbal or written notification, banners deemed by the Building Official or Code Enforcement Officer, to be in violation of these Sign Regulations, shall be immediately taken down by the property or sign owner.

4. Portable Signs (does not include any incidental signs):

- a. Portable signs will be allowed on-site for any licensed non-residential business, only in C-N, C-G, C-I, CSC, C-D, I, ILW zoning districts.
- b. Portable signs shall be limited to one per parcel.
- c. Portable signs shall not be erected or placed in a required parking space, driveway, curb break area, within line of sight triangles, or in the right-of-way.
- d. If lighted, portable signs shall be internally lit, and:
  - (1) Must have a UL label, or equivalent.
  - (2) Electrical service must be provided via permanent underground wire, from a building in accordance with all applicable electrical codes, and shall be approved or permitted, as applicable, by the Building Official. Extension cords are prohibited.
  - (3) Shall not violate any prohibited criteria of these Sign Regulations, including any flashing lights, which are prohibited.
- e. Portable signs shall meet all other applicable requirements of these Sign Regulations, including setbacks. Electronic LED, digital and neon components are prohibited in these type signs.
- f. Portable signs are limited to five feet in height and ten feet in length.

5. Variable (Electronic) Message Board Signs:

Each proposed variable message board shall comply with all listed requirements prior to approval.

Each existing variable message board shall be altered to comply with: g, i, j, and k, within ten calendar days of notice from the Building Official or Code Enforcement Officer.



Once the notice period expires, failure to bring a variable message board into compliance shall result in said sign being in violation with the provisions of these Sign Regulations.

- a. Variable message boards shall only be permitted as specified in **Section 4.19.20.7 and 4.19.20.9.**
  - b. Permitted only when permanently installed in conjunction with, and on the structure of, a legally proposed or legally permitted permanent on-site freestanding sign.
  - c. No more than two faces are allowed.
  - d. The variable message board face size shall be countable towards the maximum face size allowed, as specified in **Section 4.19.20.9.**
  - e. Face size, even if a stand-alone message board, cannot exceed sixty percent of the Maximum Face Size (standard area), or fifty square feet, whichever is smaller, of the sign structure to which it is installed on or in conjunction with.
  - f. Only one variable message board shall be allowed per parcel or multi-use center. This limitation does not include those within buildings, which are not visible from a street right-of-way.
  - g. Messages or display may contain short animated video clips of up to ten seconds in length.
  - h. No existing freestanding sign shall be modified or converted to include a variable message board sign component without submittal of a complete sign application and receipt of proper permit in accordance with **Section 4.19.20.5.**
  - i. A Variable Message Board Sign determined by the consensus of the City Council in a regular meeting, or as so ordered by an authority which takes precedence over local legislative body, to be causing glare or an intensity which creates a safety hazard to the traveling public, or which casts glare onto adjacent residential properties, shall be required to reduce the brightness limits to a level which does not cause such instances.
  - j. Variable Message Board Signs shall have software programming controls which cause the image to remain static, if malfunctioning in any way.
  - k. Variable Message Board Signs shall be equipped with a sensor or other device which automatically determines the ambient illumination and be programmed to automatically dim according to ambient light conditions.
6. Grand Opening and Special Events for Licensed Commercial Establishments:

To accommodate the grand opening and special events of existing licensed storefront commercial establishments located within the City, certain temporary signage shall be allowed, for no more than thirty days of operation per one-hundred eighty calendar days, to be placed only at the licensed premises of the establishment, and in addition to the general limitations provided for in the Sign Regulations.

Additionally, a newly opened, individually licensed commercial storefront establishment shall be allowed up to two directional signs off-site, showing the “name of the establishment” with an arrow and/or “now open” copy display, sized according to Incidental Type II Ground ‘yard’ Sign (defined in Article 2) under **Section 4.19.20.4. (d)**, displayed for up to the first thirty days of operation, and within three-hundred feet of the location of said new business. Said signs must be located off the street right-of-way, on private non-residential property, with the property owner’s permission, and not obstructing any visibility triangles for pedestrian or vehicular traffic. No provision of the allowance for temporary off-site signage is deemed to supersede any restrictions or requirements as found in the Florida Statutes pertaining to such signage along the state highway system which runs through the City.

An application for temporary signage shall be available at the office of the Development Manager. The temporary signage type and placement is at the discretion of the Development Manager. All temporary signage must be removed after the allowable time period has expired.

7. Flags with commercial messages:

Each establishment on a single-use parcel shall be allowed a maximum of three (3) commercial message flags and flag poles that conform to the standards of this paragraph.

No commercial message flag shall be allowed on multi-use parcels.

No flag may exceed fifteen square feet in area and shall be sized no larger than a standard three feet high and five feet wide.

If mounted on a freestanding pole: the pole must be setback a minimum of twenty feet from: all property lines, rights-of-way and structures, and shall have a raised, curbed and sodded area around it a minimum of three feet in all directions, and shall not exceed the maximum height allowed for a freestanding sign in the zoning district in which it is to be located.

If mounted to a structure, it shall be considered a projecting sign and shall conform to the required criteria for that sign type in the district to which it is to be located, however, no such flag may exceed the allowable size stated in this paragraph, and it shall not exceed the height of the eve of the roof of the structure to which it is mounted.

**4.19.20.11. Off-Site / Off-Premise Signs**

Except as otherwise specified in these land development regulations, off-site signs or advertising, including temporary / incidental signs, permanent signs and billboards shall be subject to all of the following requirements, in addition to all other applicable requirements of these Land Development Regulations.

1. An off-site sign is prohibited except where specifically permitted by these land development regulations, including approval by way of a Special Exception, where applicable.
2. A proposed conversion of an existing static off-site sign, or a proposed new off-site sign, which would be designed to function with non-electronic multi-vision or tri-vision display components, shall be applied for and considered by way of a Special Exception application, and subject to standards or modification as required, which are applicable.

3. In addition to a Special Exception, such signs shall require Development Manager and Building Official review, approval and permitting.
4. No property shall be annexed into the City, subsequent to the passing or amendment of these Sign Regulations, until any existing off-site signs or billboards on the proposed parcel or portion thereof, are modified to be in compliance with **Section 4.19.20.11.(8)(h, i, j, & n)**.
5. Any partially developed, undeveloped, unutilized, under-utilized properties or parcels containing vacant space, currently in the City limits, which has a Pre-Existing, Annexed or Legally-Existing off-site sign(s) or billboard(s), shall not be subdivided, nor will a Building Permit or Occupational Tax License be issued, except when all off-site sign(s) or billboard(s) comply with **Section 4.19.20.11.(8)(h, i, j, & n)**.
6. Any designated Legally-Existing or Annexed permanent off-site sign structure or face may undergo minor non-structural repairs to ensure the safety and aesthetic quality of the entire sign structure. This minor repair shall not result in any modification or conversion of the sign structure, face, or electrical service or increase in the overall square footage or depth of the sign face, or cause the sign not to be in compliance with other provisions of these Sign Regulations.
7. Any Pre-Existing, Annexed or Legally-Existing permanent off-site sign copy area can be changed with replacement fixed and static copy, by way of painting, securing pre-printed material, or replacing painted or printed copy related panels with like-kind panels, so long as the sign face or structure is not modified, converted or increased in face size, in any way, and the sign fully complies with all other applicable provisions of these Sign Regulations, including **Section 4.19.20.11.(8)(h, i, & j)**.
8. A permanent off-site sign, permitted only on a privately owned parcel of land, may be proposed to be erected, structurally altered or structurally repaired, modified or converted, when applied for, and if approved, shall be required to meet the following requirements:
  - a. Setback, at the closest point (vertical line to ground), a minimum of thirty feet from all: front property lines, right-of-way lines, structures, driveways and parking spaces.
  - b. Setback, at the closest point (vertical line to ground), a minimum of fifty feet from all side and rear property lines.
  - c. Not erected so as to obstruct visibility at intersections and curb breaks.
  - d. An off-site sign may not be erected within five-hundred feet of an existing: church, school, cemetery, public park, state or national forest or conservation area, or railroad crossing.
  - e. An off-site sign may not be erected within eight-hundred eighty feet of another such sign on the same side of the right-of-way or within one-thousand seven-hundred sixty feet measured as a radius from any other off-site sign, regardless of location.
  - f. An off-site sign shall not exceed a height above established grade of thirty feet.
  - g. An off-site sign shall not exceed one-hundred twenty-five square feet per sign face and shall only have a maximum of two same-sized flat faces, positioned back to back.

- h. An off-site sign shall be rectangular in shape, and shall be flat, and any copy on the sign shall be contained within the rectangle. No display in conjunction with an off-site sign shall be permitted other than on the flat sign face itself, within the confines of the rectangular shape.
  - i. Except as otherwise provided for, all existing or proposed off-site signs shall not contain or display, or be converted to have, any internal illumination, movable, changing, reflecting or electronic components or materials, including variable message boards or digital or video display mechanisms. External illumination shall not produce glare visible from the right-of-way.
  - j. An off-site sign structure and any supporting pole(s) shall be properly maintained according to these Sign Regulations, and shall be painted only a brown or green color which matches with the paint color match card(s) available at the office of the Development Manager.
  - k. Any legally existing permanent off-site sign or billboard, which has been leased by an establishment located on the same parcel as the sign, to display copy for said establishment, shall still be considered an off-site sign for the purposes of **Section 4.19.20.11.**, and all other applicable sections of these Sign Regulations. Said establishment otherwise shall be limited in signage to what is normally permitted for on-site signage by these Sign Regulations.
  - l. An off-site sign shall be required to be located on a raised and curbed landscaped and sodded green space area, which extends in all directions a minimum of twenty (20') feet from any support pole. Within a ten foot radius of any support pole, there shall be required a density of evergreen shrubs of one two-gallon shrub per nine square feet of sign area.
  - m. Required landscaped areas shall be maintained by the property owner. Failure to maintain required landscaped areas, including replacement of all dead plantings, shall be a violation of these land development regulations.
  - n. Provisions of **Section 4.19.20.11.** are applicable when a parcel containing an existing off-site or billboard sign is subsequently annexed, subdivided or developed. In the course of annexation, subdivision or development, no such new parcel boundary, subdivision or parcel lot-line shall be permitted to be proposed, if the resulting setbacks according to **Section 4.19.20.11(8)(a & b)** would not be met; additionally, all building plans submitted for review to the City in order to obtain a building permit for new construction, or expansion of existing building structures, on a parcel which contains a off-site sign or billboard, shall contain a site-plan sheet showing all existing off-site signs or billboards, with setbacks shown to all structures and property lines from the sign and shall be required as part of the development process to develop the area around the sign according to **Section 4.19.20.11.(8)(c, l, & m)**.
9. Any off-site signs along state highways or otherwise subject to applicable Florida Statutes, shall also obtain and maintain all required review and permitting as required by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).
10. An inventory of existing off-site and billboard signs shall be maintained by the Development Manager. Existing off-site and billboard signs shall be categorized as: Pre-Existing, if they existed at the time of the adoption or amendment of the Sign Regulations, but no record of a Special Exception can be produced by the property owner or found in City records; Annexed, if they were previously legally erected in the unincorporated county and were subsequently annexed into the City; and Legally-Existing, if they were approved by way of a Special Exception and properly permitted, for which a record can be obtained. Any off-site sign or billboard which is found, subsequent to the passage or amendment of the Sign Regulations, to have been erected illegally, will be subject to enforcement as provided under **Section 4.19.20.6.**

11. At locations not subject to FDOT requirements along state highways, and within existing tenant panels or copy space of a previously approved and permitted freestanding sign, an incidental off-site sign for a licensed non-residential use may be utilized, not to exceed twelve square feet in area.

#### **4.19.20.12. Nonconforming Signs**

##### 1. Definition and applicability:

- a. Includes any permanent advertising device or sign, including sign structures, which were lawfully permitted, erected or maintained prior to the adoption or amendment of the current sign regulations, and which fails to conform to all applicable regulations or restrictions.
- b. For the purposes of this section, a nonconforming sign shall not include (signs not included shall be offered no rights to be established, displayed or maintained):
  - (1) Any sign which is prohibited, or which does not meet the definition under ‘a.’ above.
  - (2) Window, temporary, banner, portable, incidental, A-frame, sandwich-type, sidewalk, or easel type signs or displayed phone numbers or websites;
  - (3) Electronic signs hung which are not part of a previously permitted permanent exterior sign structure, or which may otherwise be displayed in violation;
  - (4) Any changeable or electronic programming or display of an electronic nature that is part of an electronic or variable message board sign (all programmable displays must always be made to comply to applicable standards);
  - (5) Any tied up, placed or strung up signs or attention getting devices;
  - (6) Any inflatable or movable signs or attention getting devices that are able to be erected and subsequently taken down, folded down or deflated or any other sign that is not considered permanent in nature;
  - (7) A dilapidated, deficient or abandoned sign structure, footer, cabinet, frame, panel or pole, etc.; or one with no viable cabinet, frame, panel, etc., or portion thereof;
  - (8) The flat, static display copy of any existing, legally permitted permanent off-site or billboard type signs currently located within the City limits; however any structural repair, maintenance, conversion or alteration sought or applied for as provided for, shall require all aspects of the sign and structure to be brought into conforming status, including relocation along with a new Special Exception considered, if applicable.

All signage or display not considered nonconforming, which are found to be in violation of these Sign Regulations, shall, upon written notification as provided for under enforcement, be removed or altered to be in conformance, as provided for in these Sign Regulations.

##### 2. Repairs and Maintenance:

Any sign determined by the City to be nonconforming may be repaired, rehabilitated, or restored to its original condition, subject to all the following:

- a. The cost of the repairs, rehabilitation, or restoration, regardless of damage or condition cause, does not cumulatively exceed fifty percent of its current total replacement cost, as evidenced by the average of three written estimates by licensed sign contractors, submitted to the City.
- b. The sign height, setbacks or face size does not exceed the currently allowable standards for that location by more than fifty percent.
- c. The sign does not exceed any spacing requirements by more than fifty percent of the required standard for that location.  
  
IE: if required spacing was two-hundred feet, the sign could be no closer than one-hundred feet to another qualifying sign.
- d. The sign does not or will not overhang, or be located on, any adjacent private property or any type of right-of-way, unless these sign regulations permit such.
- e. The sign does or will have the required clearance above adjacent sidewalks or driveways.
- f. The sign will fully comply with **Sections 4.19.20.6. and 4.19.20.7.**
- g. The repairs or restoration remain subject to all other applicable regulations.

3. Compliance for Single-use or vacant parcels:

- a. Any nonconforming sign located on a single-use or vacant parcel shall be removed or altered to conform to all existing sign regulations upon any action which would require a sign building permit for said particular sign (in accordance with **Section 4.19.20.5.**), excluding non-structural repairs, maintenance and non-substantial face changes to existing. If allowable square footage is exhausted for wall signage by existing signage, no additional wall sign may be proposed unless existing ones are reduced to the point where surplus square footage is made available. In the case where there are one or more existing freestanding signs, and a new additional freestanding sign is proposed, the existing freestanding sign which is determined to be the most nonconforming, shall be required to be removed for each one proposed, and any new such sign shall conform to existing standards which apply.

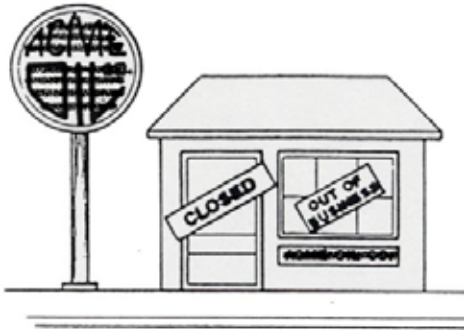
4. Compliance for Multi-use or Multi-tenant parcels:

- a. All nonconforming signs located on a multi-use or multi-tenant parcel shall be removed or altered to conform with all existing sign regulations in the event the following should occur:
  - (1) For nonconforming freestanding signs, the issuance of a sign permit for a new freestanding sign on the parcel, or for an alteration to an existing sign which would require a sign building permit, in accordance with **Section 4.19.20.5.**, excluding non-structural repairs, maintenance and non-substantial face changes to existing.
  - (2) For nonconforming building or wall signs for a particular establishment, the issuance of any sign building permit for that particular establishment or tenant space, excluding non-structural repairs, maintenance and face changes to existing.

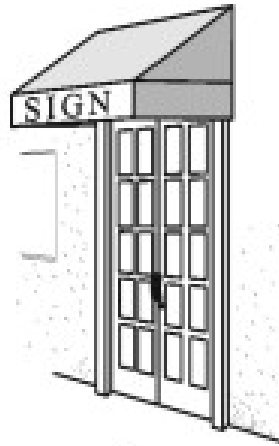
**4.19.20.13. Illustration of Sign Types**

Following are examples of the various sign types. There are being provided for general reference only. It shall be at the Development Manager's discretion to assign all existing or proposed signs into the appropriate or associated sign type category as deemed applicable.

1. Sign, Abandoned



2. Sign, Awning



3. Sign, Bench



4. Sign, Building Marker



5. Sign, Building/Wall



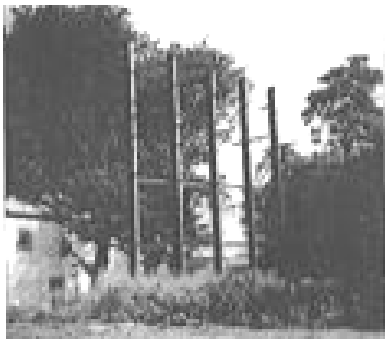
6. Sign, Canopy (fuel sales or detached)



7. Sign, Construction



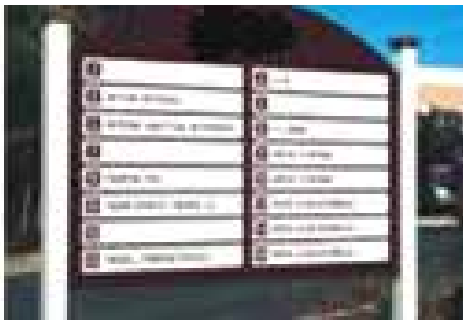
8. Sign, Dilapidated



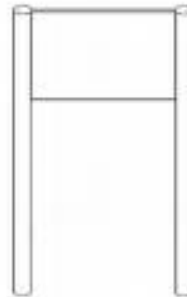
9. Sign, Directional



10. Sign, Directory



11. Sign, Double-Leg Post



12. Sign, Drive-thru Product Board



13. Sign, Incidental Type I Ground





14. Sign, Incidental Type II Ground



15. Sign, Incidental Type II Wall



16. Sign, Mansard



17. Sign, Monument



18. Sign, Pole (exposed)



19. Sign, Pole (non-exposed)



20. Sign, Portable



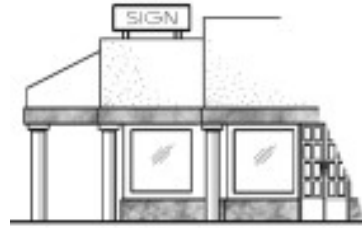
21. Sign, Projecting



22. Sign, Real Estate



23. Sign, Roof (prohibited)



24. Sign, Sidewalk, Sandwich, or A-Frame



25. Sign, Single-Leg Post



26. Sign, Snipe (prohibited)



27. Sign, Subdivision or Development Entrance



28. Sign, Under Canopy



29. Sign, Window

