
ARTICLE XIV

SIGN REGULATIONS

SECTION 14.0 SCOPE OF REGULATIONS: The regulations set forth herein shall apply and govern signs in all zones except as otherwise specifically provided within this ordinance.

SECTION 14.1 GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND LIMITATIONS:

- A. Notwithstanding any part of this ordinance to the contrary, all business and identification signs, as defined in Section 7.0 of this ordinance shall be deemed accessory uses and all advertising signs, as defined in Section 7.0 of this ordinance, shall be deemed non-accessory uses.
- B. No sign shall be erected, maintained or continued unless it is in full compliance with the regulations for the zone in which it is located, all applicable provisions and regulations of this ordinance or any other applicable laws, codes or ordinances of the County. The Zoning Administrator shall have the duty and authority to remove or cause to have removed any sign not in full compliance with all applicable provisions and regulations of this ordinance or any other applicable laws, codes, or ordinances of the County when the owner or agent has failed to comply within the time specified by the Planning Commission to make said sign comply. Said owner or agent shall bear full costs of such removal and shall be billed accordingly.
- C. No signs shall be erected, maintained, replaced, relocated, repaired, or restored within a distance of six hundred sixty (660) feet of the right-of-way of any interstate highways, limited access highway or turnpike, except as provided for in KRS 177.830-177.890 and approved of by the Kentucky Department of Transportation, Bureau of Highways, District Office Number 6, as amended.
- D. Time schedule for compliance of sign regulations: Notwithstanding any part of this ordinance, compliance with the provisions of this Article of the ordinance shall be according to the following time schedule:
 - 1. All new signs shall comply with erected.
 - 2. Advertising signs, as defined herein, which become nonconforming after the effective date of this ordinance, and located in' any residential zone, shall be required to conform to the ordinance within twelve (12) consecutive calendar months after the effective date of this ordinance.

3. Advertising signs, as defined here in, which become nonconforming after the effective date of this ordinance are located in any zone other than a residential zone, shall be required to conform to the ordinance within thirty-six (36) consecutive months after the effective date of this ordinance.
4. Business and identification signs, as defined herein, which become nonconforming after the effective date of this ordinance, shall be required to conform within sixty (60) consecutive calendar months after the effective date of this ordinance.

All signs becoming nonconforming due to this ordinance shall be registered by owner or agent with the Zoning Administrator within six (6) consecutive calendar months of the effective date of this ordinance. The owner or agent of any sign legally erected but which has become nonconforming because of this ordinance and not registered within the prescribed time, shall be dealt with as specified in Section 16.9 of this Ordinance.

- E. Notwithstanding any Part of this ordinance to the contrary, no sign constituting a nuisance, because of light, glare, focus, noise, animation, flashing, intensity of illumination as to unduly disturb the use of surrounding properties, as determined by the Planning Commission, by causing a traffic hazard, shall be erected, maintained, or continued in any zone.
- F. Notwithstanding any part of this ordinance to the contrary, no radio, phonograph, tape recorder, whistle, bell, gong, siren, or other sound or noise-making or transmitting device or instrument shall be allowed, permitted, or continued in connection with any sign or may it be used separately for advertising purposes in any zone.
- G. Notwithstanding any part of this ordinance to the contrary, no sign shall be erected, maintained, or continued which constricts the flow of air through any window or door.
- H. Notwithstanding any part of this ordinance to the contrary, no sign shall be erected, maintained, or continued which is misleading, fraudulent, obscene, immoral, indecent, or unsightly in character as determined by the Planning Commission.
- I. Notwithstanding any part of this ordinance to the contrary, no advertising sign, except those of a governmental entity, shall be erected, maintained, or continued unless the following provision is complied with; and said provisions shall go into effect ninety (90) consecutive calendar days after the effective date of this ordinance. The name of the company or person owning, maintaining, or erecting said sign is plainly displayed thereon.

- J. No sign shall be erected, maintained, or continued over or into any street, public way or alley right-of-way, unless specifically provided for within this ordinance.
- K. It shall be unlawful and violation of this Ordinance for any person to fasten, place, paint or attach in any: any sign, handbill, poster, advertisement, or notice of any kind, or cause the same to be done in or upon any curbstone, lamp post, telephone pole, telegraph pole, electric light or power pole, hydrant, bridge, culvert, public drinking fountain, public trash container, courtesy benches, rest station building, tree, or in or upon any portion of any public sidewalk, street or sign, except as specifically permitted within this ordinance.
- L. No sign shall be erected, maintained or continued upon the inside of a curve of a street which causes any interference to sight distance in the opinion of the Planning Commission.
- M. No sign shall be erected, maintained or continued displaying flashing or intermittent lights, or lights, or lights of changing degrees or intensity except a sign with a changeable electronic message board or electronic display screen, with changes alternating on not less than a five second cycle or with messages scrolling steadily across the screen when such sign does not constitute a public safety or traffic hazard, in the judgment of the Planning Commission.
- N. Notwithstanding any part of this Ordinance to the contrary, no sign shall be erected, maintained or continued in any zone which does not comply fully with Section 12.0 of this Ordinance except as specifically permitted within this Ordinance.
- O. Except as herein provided, signs shall be permanently attached to the ground or on the building, which the sign is to serve. Signs located on portable type vehicles or temporary signs, not to exceed twelve (12) square feet, may be permitted to advertise public, semi-public, charitable, or religious fund raising programs, the opening of a new business, special events, or for other temporary purposes. Said sign may be erected for not more than 14 consecutive calendar days and shall be removed by the owner or agent upon expiration of the time period provided for in the sign permit.
- P. Notwithstanding any part of this Ordinance to the contrary, no sign shall be erected, maintained or continued in zones except as provided for in Section 14.1, D, unless the sign complies with all of the following regulations:
 - 1. Is erected and maintained to advertise a use specifically permitted in the zone in which the sign is located, or for a nonconforming use subject to the limitations contained in Section 9.12, E, of this Ordinance regarding nonconforming uses;

2. Is clearly incidental, customary to and commonly associated with the operation of the use being advertised;
 3. Is established and controlled under and by the same ownership as the use being advertised;
 4. Is limited in location to the premises on which the use being advertised is located;
 5. Is limited in subject matter to the name, design, picture or phone number and address of owner, operator, builder, sales agent, managing agent, lessor, lessee, of the premises or of the activities (including merchandise handled or services rendered) on the premises on which such sign is located and does not include any general commercial advertising unrelated to or extending in substantial degrees beyond the specifically permitted subject; and
 6. Compliance with the exemptions listed in Section 14.2 if this Article of the ordinance.
- Q. Notwithstanding any part of this Ordinance to the contrary, when any sign becomes defective or dangerous as determined by the Planning Commission, the Zoning Administrator shall have the power and the authority to remove or cause to have removed such sign when the owner or agent has failed to comply within the time specified by the Planning Commission to repair or make said sign safe or has failed to satisfy the commission that the sign is not defective or dangerous. The owner or agent of said sign shall bear the full costs of such removal and shall be billed accordingly. If the Planning Commission determines that said sign is of possible immediate danger to persons or vehicles, which may be passing nearby, the Zoning Administrator shall place or cause to have placed, signs or barriers indicating such danger.
- R. Notwithstanding any part of this Ordinance to the contrary, whenever any sign which does not comply with the provisions and regulations of this Ordinance, collapses, burns, or if said sign is removed from its location, except for normal maintenance, said sign shall not be replaced or reconstructed, except in full compliance with all of the provisions and regulations of this ordinance.
- S. Notwithstanding any part of this Ordinance to the contrary, the Planning Commission shall have the power and authority to remove or cause to have removed any and all signs which the County Engineer determines to be a traffic hazard, when the owner or agent responsible for the maintenance of said sign has failed to eliminate such traffic hazards within thirty (30) days from the date that the written notice is mailed by the Zoning Administrator. Said owner or agent shall bear the full costs of such removal and shall be billed accordingly.

- T. Except as otherwise specified in this Ordinance, signs shall be in conformance with the County's Building Code where applicable and shall be subject to the inspection and approval by the Building Inspector.

SECTION 14.2 SPECIAL SIGNS: The following signs shall be permitted in any zone without a fee;

- A. One (1) real estate sign per acre not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in outside area; single or double faced; maximum height of eight (8) feet, which advertises the sale, rental or lease of the premises on which said sign is located. Said sign shall not be animated; may be illuminated but only by concealed lighting, and only until 10:00 P.M. Such signs shall be removed by owners or agent within ten (10) consecutive calendar days after the sale, rental, or lease of the premises.
- B. Bulletin board not over twelve (12) square feet in outside area; single or double faced; maximum height of eight (8) feet, for public, charitable or religious institutions when the same is located on the premises of said institution. Said sign shall not be animated; may be illuminated, but only by concealed lighting, and only until 10:00 P.M.
- C. Memorial signs or tablets, containing the name of the building and the date of erection when built into the walls of the building and constructed of bronze, brass, marble, stone or other incombustible materials.
- D. Traffic signs, provided that said signs are designed in accordance with the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways", U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.
- E. Temporary signs, where permitted or required by the Zoning Administrator, to fulfill requirements of this Ordinance or other resolutions or regulations imposed by a governmental entity.
- F. Signs inside a building, but shall not include signs within open malls or open courts.

SECTION 14.3 SIGN PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ERECTION OF SIGNS: No sign shall be erected, except as exempted or specified within this Ordinance, until all required fees have been paid to the proper authorities or their agents and a permit has been issued for such by the Planning Commission.

- A. If any sign is removed and any new sign is erected in its place, a permit shall be obtained the same as if a new sign were erected at a new location subject to all requirements enumerated herein.

- B. If any sign is removed for maintenance and replaced on the same supports, a new permit will not be deemed necessary if the size or type of sign is not changed.
- C. If any sign is removed from one location and erected at a new location, a new permit shall be obtained.
- D. Alternation or enlargement of any sign shall require a permit the same as for a new sign.
- E. No permit shall be granted until after an application has been filed with the Building Inspector showing the plans and specifications, including dimensions, materials, and details of construction of proposed structure nor until all provisions herein have been met.

SECTION 14.4 APPLICATION FOR A SIGN PERMIT:

- A. Application for a sign permit shall be made and submitted at the office of the Zoning Administrator on the appropriate forms furnished by said Administrator.
- B. If any required information is left off of the application or if any of the submitted information is misrepresented on the application, the permit shall be denied or shall become null and void if already issued, regardless of actual construction being started or completed.
- C. Any sign not erected or constructed as represented on the application upon which the permit was issued shall not be construed as a hardship case, but shall be construed as a misrepresentation of facts on the application and a violation of this Ordinance and the owner or agent shall be given a two (2) week notice to remove said sign or correct the error.

SECTION 14.5 SIGN PERMIT FEES: The fee for a sign permit shall be as provided for in the Building Code of the county as or otherwise established by the Legislative body.

SECTION 14.6 CLASSIFICATION OF SIGNS: The following classification of signs shall be deemed to include all signs permitted in any zone unless other signs are specifically listed and provided for. The classification of all signs shall be determined by the Zoning Administrator. (Permitted use and location of signs - see Section 14.7.)

- A. Class 1: The following signs meeting the following specifications shall constitute Class 1 and shall be only business or identification signs, as defined herein:
 - 1. Structural Type - Flat or window sign; single faced only
 - 2. Maximum Size Of Sign - Forty-eight (48) square feet

3. Maximum Height Above Grade At Top Of Sign - Attached directly to building parallel to wall face as defined in Section 7.0 of this Ordinance.
 4. Limitations On Number Of Signs - One (1) sign for each separate use that is a permitted use
 5. Other Limitations
 - a. Shall be neither animated nor illuminated
- B. Class 2: The following signs meeting the following specifications shall constitute Class 2 and shall be only business or identification signs, as defined herein:
1. Structural Type - Only one of the following type signs are permitted in Class 2 per each individual use: Flat, window, or projecting sing; single or double faced
 2. Maximum Size Of Sign - Twenty-four (24) square feet
 3. Maximum Height Above Grade At Top Of Sign - Attached to building and projecting no more than eighteen (18) inches from the wall face of the building as defined in Section 7.0
 4. Limitations On Number Of Signs - One (1) sign for each separate use that is a permitted use
 5. Other Limitations
 - a. Shall be neither animated nor illuminated
- C. Class 3: The following signs meeting the following specifications shall constitute Class 3 and shall be only business or identification signs, as defined herein:
1. Structural Type - Flat, ground or pole sign; single or double faced
 2. Maximum Size Of Sign - Six (6) square feet in outside area
 3. Maximum Height Above Grade At Top Of Sign - Twelve (12) feet
 4. Limitations On Number Of Signs - One (1) sign for each curb cut plus any number within the off-street parking areas
 5. Other Limitations
 - a. May be illuminated but only from a concealed light source and shall not be flashing, glaring nor animated.
 - b. Shall be limited in subject matter to off-street parking directions and instructions and shall have no merchandise, manufacturing or service advertising other than that specified in Section 14.1 of this Ordinance.
 - c. No part of any ground or pole sign shall be closer than five (5) feet from any property line.
 - d. No pole sign shall be, at its lowest point, less than ten (10) feet from the ground.

D. Class 4: The following signs meeting the following specifications shall constitute Class 4 and shall be only business or identification signs, as defined herein:

1. Structural Type - Only one (1) of the following signs are permitted in this class per each individual use: Flat, window or ground sign, as defined herein
2. Maximum Size Of Sign - Twelve (12) square feet in outside area, except as specified in Subsection D (4) of this section
3. Maximum Height Above Grade At Top Of Sign - Twenty (20) feet
4. Limitations On Number Of Signs - The total outside area of all signs in a single designated land area shall not exceed in square feet the product of the number of acres, or fractions of acres, in the designated land area multiplied by twenty-five (25), provided however, that the aggregated area of any such sign or signs shall have an outside area of at least six (6) square feet, and provided further, that no single sign shall have an outside area of more than thirty-five (35) square feet on premises of already developed use or an area of not more than seventy-five (75) square feet on premises not developed
5. Other Limitations
 - a. Shall not be animated; may be illuminated, but only from a concealed light source and only until 10:00 P.M.
 - b. Shall be temporary only; for advertising development, new construction, or the sale, lease, rental, remodeling and rebuilding of designated structures or a designated land area. Permits shall be temporary, and shall be valid for a period not exceeding one hundred eighty-two consecutive calendar days, but are renewable one time only for an additional one hundred eighty-two consecutive calendar days. Such signs shall be removed within ten (10) consecutive calendar days after the completion of the project.
 - c. Shall be located only on the premises of the property being referred to.
 - d. No part of any ground sign shall be closer than five (5) feet from any property line.

E. Class 5: The following signs meeting the following specifications shall constitute Class 5 and shall be only business or identification signs, as defined herein.

1. Structural Type - Individual letters only; single faced only
2. Maximum Size Of Individual Sign
 - a. One (1) square foot of area for each horizontal linear foot of building wall upon which the sign or signs are to be located.
 - b. Maximum size of letters shall be thirty-six (36) inches in height.

- c. The total size for individual letter signs shall be computed by taking the area enclosed within a rectangle that is needed to completely encompass each letter or insignia of the sign.
 - 3. Maximum Height Above Grade At Top Of Sign - Attached flat to building, but shall not extend above or beyond any wall of the building as defined in Section 7.0 of this Ordinance
 - 4. Limitations On Number Of Signs - One (1) sign for each street frontage of the lot on which the primary permitted use is located, except that where a complex of buildings is an attached shopping complex or an attached group of buildings, only one (1) such sign shall be permitted for each individual separate business building. Separate business building shall be construed to mean space allotted to the operation of one firm, company, or incorporation having separate ownership, or separate rental or lease. A professional office building within such a complex if permitted within the zone under consideration, shall not be considered as containing separate businesses for this purpose, but shall have only one (1) such sign regardless of how many firms, companies, or incorporation's having separate ownership, rental, or lease within said office building
 - 5. Other Limitations
 - a. Shall be neither flashing nor animated.
 - b. May be illuminated, but only from a concealed light source.
- F. Class 6: The following signs meeting the following specifications shall constitute Class 6 and shall be only business or identification signs, as defined herein:
- 1. Structural Type - Flat sign, single faced only
 - 2. Maximum Size Of Individual Sign - Only (1) square foot of area for each horizontal linear foot of building wall upon which the sign or signs are to be located
 - 3. Maximum Height Above Grade At Top Of Sign - Attached to building, but shall be extend above or beyond any wall of the building as defined in Section 7.0 of this Ordinance
 - 4. Limitations On Number Of Signs - One (1) sign for each street frontage of the lot on which the primary permitted use is located except that where a complex of buildings are so constructed and maintained that said complex of buildings is an attached shopping complex or an attached group of buildings, only one (1) such sign shall be permitted for each individual separate business building. Separate business building shall be construed to mean space allotted to the operation of one (1) firm, company, or incorporation having separate ownership, or separate rental or lease. A professional office building within such a complex, if permitted within the-zone under consideration, shall not be considered as containing separate business for this purpose, but shall have only one (1) such sign regardless

of how many firms, companies or incorporation's having separate ownership, rental, or lease within said office building.

5. Other Limitations
 - a. Shall be neither flashing nor animated.
 - b. May be illuminated, but only from a concealed light source.

- G. Class 7: The following signs meeting the following specifications shall constitute Class 7 and shall be only business and identification signs, as defined herein.
 1. Structural Type - Pole sign or ground sign, single or double faced.
 2. Maximum Size Of Individual Sign - Sixty (60) square feet
 3. Maximum Height Above Grade At Top Of Sign - Twenty (20) feet
 4. Limitations On Number Of Signs - One (1) sign may be erected for each street frontage of the lot or building site on which the primary permitted use is located
 5. Other Limitations
 - a. Such a sign may be animated providing that the sign is constructed in such a manner as to prevent endangering pedestrians or vehicle traffic by moving parts.
 - b. No part of any ground or pole sign shall be set back closer than five (5) feet from any property line.
 - c. No pole sign shall be, at its lowest point, less than ten (10) feet from the ground.

- H. Class 8: The following signs meeting the following specifications shall constitute Class 8 and shall be only business or identification signs, as defined herein:
 1. Structural Type - Ground sign; single or double faced
 2. Maximum Size Of Individual Sign - Twenty-five (25) square feet
 3. Maximum Height Above Grade At Top Of Sign - Ten (10) feet
 4. Limitations
 - a. One (1) sign may be erected for each street frontage of the lot or building site on which the primary permitted use is located.
 - b. One (1) sign may be erected for identification purposes of a residential subdivision.

 5. Other Limitations
 - a. Shall be neither flashing nor animated.
 - b. May only be illuminated from a concealed light source; however, may not be lit between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

- c. No part of any ground sign shall be closer than five (5) feet from any property line.

- I. Class 9: The following signs meeting the following specifications shall constitute Class 9 and shall be only business or identification signs, as defined herein:
 - 1. Structural Type - Pole or ground signs; single or double faced
 - 2. Maximum Size Of Individual Sign - Three hundred (300) square feet
 - 3. Maximum Height Above Grade At Top Of Sign - Thirty (30) feet
 - 4. Limitations
 - a. One (1) sign may be erected on each abutting major street identifying a shopping complex of three (3) or more businesses located in a unified building or an attached group of buildings.
 - b. One (1) sign may be erected along each abutting arterial street entrance into an Industrial Zone for the purposes of identifying an Industrial Park.

 - 5. Other Limitations
 - a. Shall be neither flashing nor animated.
 - b. May only be illuminated from a concealed light source however, may not be lit between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.
 - c. No part of any ground or pole sign shall be closer than five (5) feet from any property line.
 - d. No pole sign shall be, at its lowest point, less than ten (10) feet from the ground.

- J. Class 10: The following signs meeting the following specifications shall constitute Class 10 and shall be only advertising signs, as defined herein:
 - 1. Structural Type - Ground sign; single or double faced
 - 2. Maximum Size Of Individual Sign - Three hundred (300) square feet
 - 3. Maximum Height Above Grade At Top Of Sign - Thirty (30) feet
 - 4. Limitations On Number Of Signs - No sign shall be located closer than two hundred (200) feet from any residential zone as measured along both sides of the street on which the sign abuts. Only one (1) sign may be erected on any lot, providing that such sign shall meet the minimum requirements of lot area, lot width, front, side, and rear setbacks in the particular zone where such signs are permitted. In addition, advertising signs shall be so located that the entire sign display area is visible at a minimum viewing distance of two hundred fifty (250) feet, as measured along the centerline of the street on which said sign is facing.

 - 5. Other Limitations - No ground sign shall exceed forty-eight (48) feet in length, except when adjoining such other ground sign at an acute angle.

SECTION 14.7 PERMITTED USE AND LOCATION OF SIGNS: The following classes of signs may be erected and maintained in the following zones.

Zones	Uses	Permitted Sign Classes
RC-O & A-1	1. Any use permitted in this	1, 2, and 4
	2. In addition to sign classes permitted in (1):	
	a. off-street parking areas (excluding 3 parking garages)	3
	b. All the following uses permitted in this zone (including parking garages):	
	(1) Public owned and/or operated parks, and/or 5 and 8 or recreation areas including swimming pools	5 and 8 or 6 and 8*
	(2) Recreational uses other than those publicly owned and/or operated such as golf courses, country clubs, and semi public swimming pools	5 and 8 or 6 and 8*
	(3) Conditionally permitted areas	5 and 8 or 6 and 8*

* A combination of classes 5 and 6 signs may be used provided that the combined total number of square feet of sign area used shall not exceed one (1) square foot of area for each horizontal linear foot of building wall upon which the sign of signs are to be located

Zones	Uses	Permitted Sign Classes
R-RE, R-IA, R-1B, R-1C, R-1D, R-1E, R-2, R-3, RMHP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any use permitted in these zones 2. In addition to sign classes permitted in (1): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conditional uses permitted in these zones 	<p>4</p> <p>5 and 8 or 6 and 8*</p>
PUD, RCE, IM, MLU	As approved according to the Final Development Plan	
NC, HC, NSC, SC, RC, PO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any use permitted in these zones 2. In addition to sign classes permitted in (1): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Off-street parking areas (excluding parking garages) b. Signs for identification of name of shopping complex (3 or more businesses located in a unified building or attached group of buildings), 7 however, each individual business in this complex may have: 	<p>1, 2, and 4</p> <p>3</p> <p>5 or 6*</p>

* A combination of classes 5 and 6 signs may be used provided that the combined total number of square feet of sign area used shall not exceed one (1) square foot of area for each horizontal linear foot of building wall upon which the sign of signs are to be located

Zones	Uses	Permitted Sign Classes
I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4, INST	1. Any use permitted in these zones	1, 2 and 4
	2. In addition to sign classes permitted in (1):	
	a. off-street parking areas (excluding parking 3 garages)	3
	b. And all uses other than off-street parking areas (however, including parking garages) permitted in these zones	5 and 8 or 6 and 8*
	c. Signs for identification of name of industrial area or park including identification of a business within the development or park	9**

* A combination of classes 5 and 6 signs may be used provided that the combined total number of square feet of sign area used shall not exceed one (1) square foot of area for each horizontal linear foot of building wall upon which the sign of signs are to be located

** Total number of square feet of Class 9 sign area inclusive of the identification of businesses within the industrial development or park shall not exceed that allowed on a Class 9 sign