

Sec. 23-78. - Temporary signs.

(1)

Temporary signs shall comply with the following restrictions, conditions, and limitations:

(a)

No placement on right-of-way or other public property. No temporary sign shall be placed on any public right-of-way or on property owned by the city, except for a roadside memorial sign as provided for in this section.

(b)

Placement of temporary signs; no placement on utility poles, official signs, etc. No temporary sign shall be placed upon any vacant parcel without the written consent of the property owner filed with the city clerk prior to posting of the sign. No temporary sign shall be placed upon any public utility pole or equipment, tree, traffic control device or structure, bridge, guardrail, or official sign, or held or displayed in a manner which creates an obstruction of a public right-of-way or sidewalk.

(c)

Bond. Prior to the installation and/or construction of a temporary sign in accordance with this subsection (1), the applicant shall post or cause to be posted with the city clerk a refundable cash bond in the minimum amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The amount of the bond may be higher than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and shall be based on the number of signs as follows: One hundred dollars (\$100.00) per sign that equals or exceeds eighteen (18) inches by twenty-four (24) inches in size, and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for every twenty (20) signs where all signs are smaller than eighteen (18) inches by twenty-four (24) inches.

(d)

Exemption from bond requirement. Any applicant placing less than four (4) temporary signs not exceeding a size of six (6) square feet per sign shall be exempt from the requirement of a cash bond. Any candidate for elected office who has satisfied his or her qualifying fee requirement pursuant to the alternate means authorized by F.S. § 99.095 or § 99.0955, (the petition method of qualifying) shall be exempt from the requirement of posting the cash bond.

(e)

Permitted districts; time of posting and removal. Temporary signs shall be permitted in all zoning districts, as provided in this

paragraph and Table 23-78-1, provided that no temporary sign shall be posted more than ninety (90) days prior to the time of the event or election to which it relates, and that such signs shall not be permitted to remain longer than fourteen (14) days after the event or election to which it relates. If a person placing a temporary sign fails to remove all temporary signs within the stated timeframe, he or she shall forfeit the cash bond. The sign removal requirements of this subparagraph do not apply to bumper stickers on vehicles or campaign buttons on people.

(f)

Location near easement or street. No temporary sign shall be placed within six (6) feet of any easement of the property upon which the sign is located. No temporary sign shall be located within ten (10) feet of the edge of the right-of-way. Temporary signs shall be located solely on the property side of the sidewalk if there is a sidewalk.

(g)

Responsibility for hazards; responsibility for removal of signs. Any individual or entity who posts or causes to be posted a bond pursuant to subsection (c) of this subsection or receives an exemption from posting such bond pursuant to subsection (d), and/or the owner and/or tenant of the property where a temporary sign is located, shall be responsible for any hazard to the general public which is caused by, or created by reason of, the installation and/or maintenance of the temporary signs. The person placing the temporary sign shall also be responsible for the timely removal of such signs in accordance with the requirements of subsection (e) of this section. In the event of an announcement by the National Weather Service that the city is under a hurricane watch, the person placing a sign shall remove the sign within twenty-four (24) hours of the announcement of the hurricane watch. Failure to remove the sign within twenty-four (24) hours of the announcement shall cause the city to remove the sign in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of this section.

(h)

Generally. Any temporary sign not posted or removed in accordance with the provisions of this subsection (e), and any such sign which exists in violation of this section, shall be deemed to be a public nuisance and shall be subject to removal and confiscation by the city. If the city removes the sign, the city manager or his designee shall deduct the cost and expense of removal from the posted cash bond. The city shall not be responsible for the damage or destruction of any sign which is

removed in accordance with this provision. The person placing the temporary sign shall be charged for the cost of removal.

(i)

Temporary signs shall not be illuminated.

(j)

Temporary signs must be posted in accordance with Table 23-78-1 as follows:

Table 23-78-1

	Residential District	Non-Residential District
Banner sign:		
• Number	Not permitted	1 per establishment
• Area maximum	Not permitted	32 sq. ft.
• Length of display	Not permitted	30 days, non-renewable; permit may be granted two (2) occasions per calendar year. Banner sign must be removed no more than three (3) days after the event to which it relates has ended.
• Height maximum above grade	Not permitted	Roof line of building
• Setback minimum	Not permitted	May only be hung from the front of a building
Model sign:		
• Number maximum	1 per model lot and per office lot	Not permitted
• Area maximum	6 sq. ft.	Not permitted
• Length of display	May be posted after the project to which it relates has received its first building permit; must be removed concurrently with the issuance of the last certificate of occupancy for the project.	Not permitted
• Height maximum above grade	6 ft.	Not permitted
• Setback minimum	10 ft. from right-of-way	Not permitted
Model arrow signs		
• Number	3 per development	Not permitted

maximum		
• Area maximum	4 sq. ft.	Not permitted
• Length of display	May be posted after the project to which it relates has received its first building permit; must be removed concurrently with the issuance of the last certificate of occupancy for the project.	Not permitted
• Other restrictions	Signs shall be installed only upon model lots and office lots	Not permitted
• Setback minimum	10 ft. from right-of-way	Not permitted
Temporary Political sign:		
• Number per candidate or issue	1 per candidate or issue	1 per candidate or issue
• Area maximum	8 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
• Length of display	If the copy is related to an election, then up to 90 days prior to election or the date of candidate qualification, whichever date is earlier; up to 14 days after the election	If the copy is related to an election, then up to 90 days prior to election or the date of candidate qualification, whichever date is earlier; up to 14 days after the election
• Height maximum above grade	6 ft.	6 ft.
• Setback minimum	10 ft. from right-of-way	10 ft. from right-of-way
Real estate signs:		
• Number maximum	1 per parcel	1 per parcel
• Area maximum	6 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
• Length of Display	From the date the property is listed with a broker up to the date of closing or leasing; if the sale or lease is by owner, the owner shall notify the code enforcement division before posting a sign.	From the date the property is listed with a broker up to the date of closing or leasing; if the sale or lease is by owner, the owner shall notify the code enforcement division before posting a sign.
• Height maximum above grade	6 ft.	6 ft.
• Setback	10 ft. from right-of-way	10 ft. from right-of-way

minimum		
Contractor or developer sign:		
• Number maximum	1 per project	1 per project
• Area maximum	6 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
• Length of display	From the date any building permit is issued until the building permit expires or the date any certificate of occupancy is issued	From the date any building permit is issued until the building permit expires or the date any certificate of occupancy is issued
• Height maximum above grade	6 ft.	6 ft.
Setback minimum	10 ft. from right-of-way	10 ft. from right-of-way
Yard sale sign:		
• Number maximum	1 per lot	Not permitted
• Area maximum	6 sq. ft.	Not permitted
• Length of display	Maximum duration of 1 week during any six-month period	Not permitted
• Height maximum above grade	6 ft.	6 ft.
• Setback minimum	10 ft. from right-of-way	10 ft. from right-of-way
Project sign:		
• Number per project	1 per project	1 per project
• Area maximum	8 sq. ft.	32 sq. ft.
• Length of display	From the date of site plan approval until the date the final certificate of occupancy is issued or 18 months, whichever is first	From the date of site plan approval until the date any certificate of occupancy is issued or 18 months, whichever is first
• Height maximum	6 ft.	6 ft.
• Setback minimum	10 ft. from right-of-way	10 ft. from right-of-way
Special event signs:		

• Number maximum	Not permitted	1 banner sign and 1 balloon sign on-site
• Area maximum	Not permitted	6 sq. ft. except that the on-site banner sign may be 32 sq. ft.
• Length of display	Not permitted	Special event signs may be placed up to 30 days prior to event or to which the sign relates; all signs must be removed within three (3) days after the event; may be permitted a maximum of two (2) occasions per calendar year.
• Height maximum above grade	Not permitted	6 ft.; however, balloon signs not exceeding 15 feet in height may be affixed to the rooftop of a structure where the special event is to take place
• Setback minimum	Not permitted	10 ft. from right-of-way
Temporary portable sign		
• Number	One temporary portable sign per parcel	One temporary portable sign per parcel
• Area maximum	Up to thirty-two (32) square feet per sign face; a maximum of two sign faces may be permitted	Up to thirty-two (32) square feet per sign face; a maximum of two sign faces may be permitted
• Length of display	Temporary portable signs may be displayed up to 30 days prior to the special event or election to which the sign relates; display of temporary portable signs must cease within three (3) days after the event or election to which the sign relates; temporary portable signs may be permitted a maximum of once per calendar year.	Temporary portable signs may be displayed up to 30 days prior to the event to which the sign relates; display of temporary portable signs must cease within three (3) days after the event or election to which the sign relates; temporary portable signs may be permitted a maximum of once per calendar year.
• Height maximum above grade	Ten (10) feet	Ten (10) feet
• Setback minimum	10 ft. from right-of-way when stationary	10 ft. from right-of-way when stationary
Other - Temporary portable signs must conform to all requirements of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. No illumination other than vehicle trailer lights, as required by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, shall be permitted.		
Roadside memorial sign		
• Number	One per person being memorialized	One per person being memorialized
• Color/shape	White/circular	White/circular
• Diameter	15 inches	15 inches

• Length of display	One year	One year
• Height maximum above grade	42 inches	42 inches
• Location in median/swale	To be determined by the department	To be determined by the department
Other - All signs shall prominently display the words "Drive Safely" in addition to the identification of the person. The sign shall be placed in a location such that it does not obstruct visibility or otherwise impede traffic safety as determined by the department of development services. The department may remove the sign one (1) year after the date of placement unless the family of the person memorialized requests a one-year extension.		

(Ord. No. 2008-09-27, § 4, 9-15-08)

Sec. 23-79. - Permanent signs allowed in single-family and multiple-family residential zoning districts.

The following permanent sign types are permitted in all single-family and multiple-family residential zoning districts, in accordance with the following requirements:

- (1) An identification or name plate sign, not to exceed one (1) square foot in area, to identify the owner or occupant of the dwelling;
- (2) A development or neighborhood identification sign of a freestanding or monument type, not to exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in size.
- (3) One permanent non-commercial sign per dwelling unit, not to exceed three (3) square feet in size, and which may be displayed in a window. Such signs shall be permitted in addition to any other signs permitted under this chapter.
- (4) Permanent directional signs, which shall not exceed five (5) square feet in area.
- (5) Warning signs shall not exceed three (3) square feet in area per sign, and no more than four (4) warning signs shall be placed per parcel.

(Ord. No. 2008-09-27, § 4, 9-15-08)

Sec. 23-80. - All other zoning districts.

The following signs are permitted in all zones except the single-family and two-family or multiple-family residential zones:

(1)

Permanent directional signs, not to exceed a total area of twenty (20) square feet for all such signs on the property, with no one sign to exceed five (5) square feet;

(2)

Permanent accessory signs not to exceed a total area of twelve (12) square feet, with a maximum of three (3) such signs on the property;

(3)

Permanent flat or fixed projecting signs, subject to the following requirements:

a.

A permanent flat sign not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the establishment's wall area frontage, including parapets on a street, or a maximum area of two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is less, subject to review by the director of development services, or designee. The outer edge of a flat sign shall not be further than eighteen (18) inches, measured horizontally, from the building wall or extend further than the outside edge of a supporting marquee or cantilever, whichever distance is the larger; nor may the highest point of a flat sign extend more than twelve (12) inches above the highest flat roof, parapet or eave line. Where an establishment fronts on more than one (1) right-of-way, signs may be permitted on both the front and the side but shall not exceed the area as set forth above; however, signs on rear or side frontages will not be permitted if they face a residential area. No flat or fixed projecting signs are permitted if a parallel freestanding or monument sign identifying the occupant exists on the premises. For properties abutting or adjacent to the busway extension corridor to Florida City, one (1) additional flat sign identifying the occupant or main entranceway shall be allowed upon a wall directly facing the busway. Such flat sign shall not exceed twenty (20) percent of the wall face upon which the sign is erected, and in no event shall be allowed to exceed a maximum sign area of one hundred twenty (120) square feet.

b.

Alternately, one (1) fixed projecting sign, not to exceed twenty-four (24) square feet per face, may be used. Such sign shall be free of any extra bracing, angle iron, guy wires, cables, etc. The outer edge of the projecting sign nor the support for same shall not exceed more than four and one-half (4½) feet beyond the wall of any building nor shall it extend above the parapet roof or facade. Such fixed projecting sign shall not be constructed less than nine (9) feet above the sidewalk grade, and shall not be located over public or private walkways, streets or alleys;

(4)

A permanent fence or wall sign, not to exceed an area of seventy-two (72) square feet for each street frontage. No part of such fence or wall signs shall be located in the side or rear setback areas, nor shall any part of the sign exceed a height of eight (8) feet above the ground or protrude above the fence or wall upon which it is mounted;

(5)

Window signs. In addition to other permitted signs, one (1) sign shall be permitted on one (1) window or door with copy limited to the address, phone number and hours of operation. The size of the numerals shall not exceed six (6) inches in height and the numerals and letter size for the phone number and hours of operation shall not exceed two (2) inches in height, except that an "open/closed" sign shall be permitted. Such "open/closed" sign shall not exceed two (2) square feet, with letters that shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in height. Additionally:

a.

The name of the establishment shall be permitted to be repeated more than once. The letters shall not exceed six (6) inches in height.

b.

Restaurants shall be permitted to have a menu board in addition to other signs permitted. When a menu board is affixed to a window, it shall be limited to an area of four (4) square feet.

c.

Commercial businesses shall also be permitted to have additional establishment services, product identification signs and accessory signs located on a window or door with a total square area no greater than four (4) square feet per sign.

d.

The total aggregate size of all window signs permitted pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the total area of each separate window panel; however, in no case shall the window signs for any single establishment exceed thirty (30) square feet in size.

(6)

Hanging signs. In lieu of a flat or fixed projecting sign as permitted under this section, one hanging sign shall be permitted per tenant in a multi-tenant center. Hanging signs must be securely fastened to an approved overhang with a maximum size of one (1) foot by four (4) feet providing eight (8) feet clearance between the bottom of the sign and the walk way below. Said sign shall not be electrified in any manner. No part of a hanging sign shall extend beyond the edge of the overhang. The copy of this sign must pertain to the premises and not exceed one (1) sign per street front;

(7)

Freestanding or monument signs. One (1) freestanding or monument sign identifying the occupancy of the building or complex, located at least ten (10) feet from the right-of-way, shall be permitted, with a maximum sign area of eighty (80) square feet, in accordance with the right-of-way width limitations in Table 23-80-1.

a.

Properties with two (2) or more street frontages are permitted two (2) freestanding or monument signs, provided that the signs are not located within two hundred fifty (250) feet of each other as measured along the frontage line.

b.

The name of a multi-tenant center shall be considered the main occupancy, and freestanding or monument signs shall be limited to identifying the main occupancy along with six (6) tenant names per sign face.

c.

No freestanding or monument signs are permitted if an existing perpendicular flat sign identifying the occupancy exists on the premises.

d.

Freestanding or monument signs shall be built flush with the ground on a masonry, metal or rot-resistant wood pedestal base at least two-thirds (2/3) as wide as the sign face, and designed as solid architectural features utilizing the material, colors, and design of the structure(s) served and referenced by the sign. One (1) freestanding or monument sign shall be permitted per street frontage. The size of such sign shall not exceed the limitations as follows:

Table 23-80-1

Width of Frontage (in feet along front of right-of-way line)	Maximum Height (from crown of abutting street)	Maximum Overall Size (of sign area permitted in square feet)
0–99	0	0
100–199	8	40
200 & over	12	80

(8)

One (1) canopy sign per occupancy, not to exceed six (6) feet in length and eighteen (18) inches in height, placed entirely under a canopy directly in front of the location, identifying the occupant of the building. The sign must be perpendicular to the building wall face.

(9)

An awning sign printed on an approved awning including a maximum of one (1) line of lettering with letters not to exceed nine (9) inches in height.

(10)

No establishment shall be allowed more than one (1) sign of each of the following sign types per right-of-way frontage: a canopy sign, flat sign, fence or wall sign, or awning sign.

(11)

Warning signs shall not exceed three (3) square feet in area per sign, and no more than four (4) warning signs shall be placed per parcel.

(12)

One permanent non-commercial sign per parcel or per establishment, if posted by an establishment located in a multi-tenant center. The permanent non-commercial sign shall not exceed five (5) square feet in size, and may be displayed in a window. If displayed in a window, such sign shall not be subject to the window sign area restrictions of subsection (5) of this

section. Such signs shall be permitted in addition to any other signs permitted under this chapter.

(Ord. No. 2008-09-27, § 4, 9-15-08)

Sec. 23-81. - Civic, church and institutional signs.

Church, civic, school, public assembly, and other institutional uses which are permitted in residential areas may have be permitted one freestanding or monument sign not to exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in sign area, in addition to other signs as permitted in section 23-79 for residential uses. However, signs permitted pursuant to this section may be illuminated if such signs are so shielded that the source of light is not visible from any abutting dwelling. Such signs shall not be illuminated beyond the hour of 11:00 p.m.

(Ord. No. 2008-09-27, § 4, 9-15-08)

Sec. 23-82. - Planned unit development signs.

The following signs are permitted in a planned unit development district (PUD):

(1)

Parcels located in a planned unit development district which are primarily devoted to residential uses shall meet the sign requirements applicable to residential developments as provided in this chapter.

(2)

Parcels located in a planned unit development district which are primarily devoted to commercial or non-residential uses shall meet the sign requirements applicable to non-residential developments as provided in this chapter.

(3)

In the case of vertically mixed planned unit developments, whether a planned unit development is primarily devoted to commercial or non-residential use, or to residential use, shall be determined by the director of development services by calculating the percentage of square footage assigned to each use.

(4)

A uniform signage plan shall be required in conjunction with all site plans within a planned unit development, to address design characteristics including size, location, and number of signs, in accordance with section 23-62.

(Ord. No. 2008-09-27, § 4, 9-15-08)

Sec. 23-84. - Rigid construction.

Each sign shall be adequately constructed and securely and substantially anchored so as to withstand a wind pressure in accordance with the requirements of the Florida Building Code adopted by the city.

(Ord. No. 2008-09-27, § 4, 9-15-08)

Sec. 23-89. - Special decorative displays.

Temporary signs, decorations and festoons of lights shall be allowed in the city for limited periods for recognized holiday and special occasions. Such temporary signs, decorations and festoons of lights shall not be erected or displayed more than thirty (30) days prior to the holiday and shall be removed within ten (10) days after the holiday or holidays and shall not be subject to permit.

(Ord. No. 2008-09-27, § 4, 9-15-08)

Sec. 23-90. - Supplemental regulations.

(a)

Changeable copy signs.

(1)

Manual changeable copy signs are permitted to be used only for places of public assembly, drive-thru restaurants, and gasoline service stations.

(2)

Electronic changeable copy signs are permitted in commercial districts, provided that the copy on messages may not move or appear to move. A change of message may occur at no more than thirty-second intervals.

(3)

Changeable copy signs must be of a freestanding or monument type and must comply with the size and height restrictions required of freestanding or monument signs.

(b)

Construction. Structural requirements for signs are as follows:

(1)

All structural, electrical, and mechanical members utilized in the construction, erection, and operation of signs shall be concealed,

except for vertical supports of other supporting members which are designed and arranged so as to be an integral part of the aesthetic composition of a sign.

(2)

All lettering or graphic characters one foot or larger on permanent signs shall extrude from or intrude into the sign face a minimum of three-eighths ($\frac{3}{8}$) of an inch.

(3)

CBS, concrete block and stucco, construction is recommended for all permanent freestanding or monument signs. Structural components shall not be covered by a material that is high gloss, reflective, or illuminated. Permanent signs must be constructed of metal, wood, or concrete.

(4)

All wood permitted to be used for any part of a new or existing permanent sign, for replacement of an existing permanent sign, or for any part thereof, shall be rot and termite resistant. Marine wood may be used; however, the supports must be obscured from view. Routing or incising is encouraged. All wood must meet specifications in accordance with the standards of the American Wood Preservation Association, the applicable building code, or any other open-cell preservation treatment approved by the city's building division.

(5)

No wires shall be visible.

(c)

Maintenance. All signs must be kept in good condition, neat appearance and good state of repair.

(d)

Restoration of wall surface. Upon removal of any sign, the building exterior wall surface must be restored to match the surrounding wall surface area.

(e)

Rear of signs. Where the rear or side of any sign is visible from any street or from any adjoining residential district, said side of rear shall be finished in such a way as to conceal the structural member of the sign.

(f)

Nuisance.

(1)

No illuminated signs shall face a residential district in such a way that the lighting fixture reflects directly into the residential district at night.

(2)

Signs extending over public right-of-way: No sign of any kind shall be permitted to be erected upon private property and extend into or above, or be anchored or placed, in any portion of the right-of-way of a city street or public sidewalk, without written permission of the director of the department of development services.

(3)

No sign shall be within a twenty-five-foot sight visibility triangle at the intersection of two (2) public streets.

(Ord. No. 2008-09-27, § 4, 9-15-08)
