

Chapter 11

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9-11-1: PURPOSE AND INTENT:  

The purpose of this chapter is to preserve, protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare by regulating outdoor advertising and signs of all types. It is intended to enhance the physical appearance of the village, make it a more enjoyable and pleasing community, and create an attractive economic and business climate. Also, it is intended to reduce the sign or advertising distractions which may increase traffic accidents, eliminate hazards caused by signs overhanging or projecting over public rights of way, relieve pedestrian and traffic congestion, provide more open space and avoid the "cancelling out" effect of adjacent signs. Signs not expressly permitted or exempted under this code are prohibited. (1976 Code §22-21-1; amd. Ord. 2005-47, 8-18-2005)

9-11-2: CONSTRUCTION PERMIT REQUIREMENTS²:  

A. Construction Permit Required: Except as otherwise provided herein, no sign shall be located, constructed, erected, structurally altered, relocated or enlarged without the owner thereof first having obtained a sign permit.

B. Application For Permit: Application shall be made upon forms provided by the village and shall include the following information:

1. Name, address, telephone number and signature of the applicant, and if the applicant is someone other than the owner of the property upon which the sign is located or to be constructed, the name, address, telephone number and signature of the owner of said property. The application shall further identify the owner of the sign and the name of the person erecting, constructing, altering or relocating the sign.
2. The location by street number and any common name applied to any building, structure or premises to or upon which the sign is to be attached or erected.
3. The position of the sign in relation to nearby buildings, structures or premises to or upon which the sign is to be attached or secured, together with a landscape plan, if required.
4. Such number of copies of the plans and specifications, description of the method of construction, location and support, sealed by a registered architect, structural engineer, professional engineer or prepared by a sign manufacturer, including such measurement of dimensions as the zoning officer may reasonably request.
5. Sketch showing sign faces, exposed surfaces and proposed message thereof, accurately represented in scale as to size, proportion and color.
6. The zoning classification of the property on which the sign will be erected.
7. Such other information as the zoning officer may reasonably require.

C. Permit Fee: Each application shall be accompanied by the payment of a sign construction permit fee in accordance with the schedule set forth in subsection [3-1A-3B12](#) of this code. (1976 Code §22-21-2)

D. Insurance: Prior to the issuance of a sign construction permit, an applicant shall submit a policy of liability insurance or certificate evidencing the existence of same, demonstrating that the applicant has obtained insurance coverage for property damage and personal injury which might be proximately caused by the construction, maintenance or use of any such sign. The insurance company issuing such policy or certificate shall be an insurance company authorized to transact business in the state of Illinois. Said insurance coverage shall minimally provide twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for any one occurrence of property damage and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for any one occurrence of personal injury. (1976 Code §22-21-8)

E. Issuance Or Denial Of Permit: All required sign permits shall be issued by the zoning officer. The zoning officer shall examine all plans and specifications, the premises upon which a sign is to be erected, constructed, altered or relocated, the sign or other advertising structure and other relevant data or material. Should the zoning officer conclude that the proposed sign is in compliance with all requirements of this code, he shall issue a permit. If the zoning officer determines that the proposed sign is not in compliance with all requirements of this code, he shall deny the application and give written notice thereof to the applicant, together with a brief statement of the reason for denial.

F. Term Of Permit; Time For Completion Of Sign: Sign permits shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of issuance. If the work authorized under the permit has not been completed within said ninety (90) day period, the permit shall become null and void and the applicant thereon shall be required to apply for a new permit.

G. Suspension Or Revocation Of Permit: The zoning officer may, in writing, suspend or revoke any permit issued under provisions of this section if he shall determine that the holder thereof failed to comply with any provisions of this chapter. All construction shall cease and the work done will be removed or changed to comply with all provisions of this code and the plans and specifications therefor approved by the zoning officer. (Ord. 88-37, §4)

9-11-3: PROHIBITED SIGNS:

The following signs are specifically prohibited:

A. Commercial billboards and poster boards when located upon vacant premises or when displaying information not related to the conduct of a business or other enterprise located on the same premises as said billboard or poster board.

B. Flashing signs.

C. Projecting signs.

D. Portable signs.

E. Festoon lights.

F. Commercial signs not indicating bona fide business conducted or a product sold on the premises, except as otherwise permitted in subsection [9-11-5C](#) of this chapter.

G. Manual, changeable copy signs, excluding the moving image and/or text of electronic message board signs as permitted elsewhere in this title.

H. Signs which contain statements, words, pictures or other depictions of an obscene, indecent or immoral character and which offend the public morals or decency.

I. Signs which impede, impair, obstruct or otherwise conflict with traffic signals, vehicular or pedestrian travel, access to fire hydrants and fire lanes and exits, and other signs which reasonably impede or impair the public health, safety and welfare.

J. Signs on vehicles, boats or trailers in place other than one sign not larger than two feet by two feet (2' x 2') advertising said vehicle, boat and/or trailer for sale or rent. This shall not be interpreted to prohibit lettering on motor vehicles or advertisements on buses or taxicabs.

K. Sign over or across any public right of way, except as otherwise permitted in subsection [9-11-5C](#) of this chapter.

L. Roof signs. (Ord. 2011-21, 5-12-2011)

9-11-4: GENERAL STANDARDS:

A. Location: No sign shall be constructed or maintained in a location prohibited by this code. No sign shall be constructed or maintained so as to prevent free ingress and egress from any door.

B. Imitating Or Obstructing Traffic Signs³: In order to promote and secure traffic safety, no sign shall be erected or maintained in such a manner as to interfere with, obstruct the view of or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device. The zoning officer shall review each application for a sign construction permit to assure that no sign be permitted which will adversely affect the public safety. Accordingly, no sign, marquee, canopy or awning shall make use of the words "stop", "go", "look", "slow", "danger" or a similar word, phrase, symbol or a character or employ any red, yellow, green or other colored lamp in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.

C. Violation Of State Highway Advertising Provisions: No sign permitted pursuant to this code shall be constructed or maintained in any way which would violate the Illinois highway advertising control act of 1971, as amended⁴.

D. Signs Projecting Above Rooftops: No sign shall be constructed or maintained so as to project above the top edge of a roof or the top of a parapet, whichever forms the top line of a building silhouette.

E. Attaching Signs To Utility Poles, Trees, Etc.: No sign shall be attached to a utility pole, tree, standpipe, gutter, drain or fire escape, nor shall any sign be constructed or maintained so as to impair access to a roof.

F. Signs Obstructing Public Ways: Except as otherwise herein provided, no sign shall be located, constructed or maintained upon, over or project into any public right of way or easement. Any sign located upon, over or into a public right of way is subject to immediate removal without notice that may be otherwise required by this chapter. (1976 Code §22-21-8)

9-11-5: LOCATION:

Signs shall be located on the same premises as the principal use served and in yards or attached to buildings as follows: (1976 Code §22-21-10)

A. All residential districts: Permitted signs may be located anywhere on the property but not closer than three feet (3') to any lot line. Signs may not be located within any sight distance triangle if any portion of the sign (exclusive of any supporting structure less than 2 feet in width) is between three feet (3') in height above grade and eight feet (8') in height above grade. (Ord. 2011-21, 5-12-2011)

B. All nonresidential districts:

1. No sign shall project into the public right of way nor shall a sign attached to a building extend more than twelve inches (12") from the face of the building.
2. Wall signs shall be no higher than the height of the building and no lower than five feet (5') above average surrounding grade; provided, however, that no such sign shall be lower than ten feet (10') above average surrounding grade when located above any entrance, sidewalk, walkway or any other area available for pedestrian traffic.
3. Wall signs may be located on a wall screening rooftop mechanical equipment, but cannot cover a window. (Ord. 94-20, 3-24-1994)
4. A ground sign may be located in any required yard, but shall not extend over any lot line. A ground sign shall not be erected, altered, or maintained within any sight distance triangle if any portion of the sign (exclusive of any supporting structure less than 2 feet in width) is between three feet (3') in height above grade and eight feet (8') in height above grade.

C. All districts: Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, off premises signs shall be permitted provided they are located on a bus shelter owned and maintained by a corporation created pursuant to the regional transportation authority act⁵, which bus shelter is located on a public right of way that is under the jurisdiction and control of the village, and subject to the following:

1. The area of advertising signage shall not exceed forty eight (48) square feet, twenty four (24) square feet on a single side; and be restricted to one of the four (4) sides of the shelter. The display shall not totally obstruct the view into the shelter from the outside; i.e., a visible gap is provided at the bottom and the top to permit a view of persons using the bus shelter.
2. A lease agreement for the bus shelter must be in place between the village and a corporation formed pursuant to the regional transportation authority act⁶. (Ord. 2011-21, 5-12-2011)

9-11-6: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE:

All signs shall be constructed and maintained as hereinafter provided:

A. Compliance With Building Code: All signs shall be constructed of approved materials and maintained, repaired and altered in compliance with the requirements of the building code of the village⁷.

B. Compliance With Electrical Code: All signs employing or containing any electrical wiring and/or connections shall comply with the electrical code of the village⁸. (Ord. 88-37, §4)

All illuminated surfaces of a sign shall be maintained to properly function as set forth in the approved sign permit. Burned out lights and bulbs shall be replaced within seven (7) days. (Ord. 92-06, 3-12-1992)

C. Metal Signs: The face and background of all metal signs shall be constructed of metal not thinner than #28 B&S gauge. A metal faced sign may utilize a wood frame and may contain letters, figures, characters, borders or moldings made of wood. Any wooden border shall not exceed three inches (3") in width.

D. Wind Pressure And Dead Load Requirements: Every sign shall be designed and constructed to withstand a wind pressure of thirty (30) pounds per square foot and to receive dead loads as required by the Woodridge building code⁹ or other applicable ordinances or regulations.

E. Glass Requirements: Glass forming any part of a sign shall be heavy safety glass having a minimum thickness of one-fourth inch ($1/4$ "). Any single piece or pane of glass exceeding three (3) square feet in area shall be wired glass or plexiglas.

F. Painting And Maintenance: Owners shall paint and maintain all parts and supports of each sign owned by them as necessary to prevent rusting, rotting or deterioration or the endangering of public health or safety. (Ord. 88-37, §4)

9-11-7: SIGN SURFACE AREA, HEIGHT AND NUMBER LIMITATIONS:

Refer to section [9-11-16](#) of this chapter for the criteria that shall be used in measuring a sign or building facade in order to determine compliance with this chapter. (Ord. 2015-72, 12-17-2015)

A. All Residential Districts:

1. No sign shall be permitted in any residential district except as otherwise provided in this code or as hereinafter provided in subsection A2 of this section. (1976 Code §22-21-11)
2. A single development consisting of one or more multiple-family dwellings containing, in the aggregate, at least thirty (30) dwelling units, shall be permitted a single sign not exceeding thirty two (32) square feet in sign surface area. Said sign shall indicate only the name of the development, address, and the name and telephone number of the management thereof. Any such multiple-family development located on a lot or parcel situated at a corner of two (2) intersecting streets shall be permitted two (2) such signs containing the information as set forth above, each containing not more than thirty two (32) square feet in sign surface area, one facing each adjacent street. (Ord. 2001-02, 1-25-2001)
3. No sign on an improved lot or parcel shall be mounted at a height which causes the top of the sign to exceed six feet (6') above average surrounding grade. No sign on an unimproved or vacant lot or parcel shall be mounted at a height which causes the top of the sign to exceed eight feet (8') above average surrounding grade. (1976 Code §22-21-11)
4. Residential development entrance signs shall be permitted for single-family attached or detached developments containing fifteen (15) or more dwelling units. Residential development entrance signs shall only indicate the name of the development. A maximum of two (2) signs shall be permitted at each entrance to the development. The maximum sign surface area at each street entrance into the development shall not exceed thirty two (32) square feet, with a maximum sign surface area for the total development of sixty four (64) square feet. Residential development entrance signs may be mounted on an architectural entrance feature. (Ord. 94-20, 3-24-1994; amd. Ord. 2001-02, 1-25-2001; Ord. 2014-10, 2-27-2014)
5. For nonresidential uses in residential districts:
 - a. Ground Signs: A single ground sign not exceeding sixty (60) square feet in sign surface area shall be permitted.
 - b. Wall Signs: One wall sign shall be permitted on each side of the building that faces an abutting street. The maximum sign surface area for a wall sign on each side of the building facing an abutting street shall be three percent (3%) of the surface area of the side of the building (inclusive of the area taken up by windows) up to a maximum of fifty (50) square feet. (Ord. 98-53, 9-24-1998)
 - c. Electronic Message Board: In lieu of the heretofore permitted ground sign, a single electronic message board may be installed, subject to the requirements provided in subsection C of this section. (Ord. 2013-53, 10-24-2013)

B. All Nonresidential Districts: Every "business" as defined herein shall be permitted to erect signs indicating only the business name and address and the major enterprise, or the principal product offered for sale on the premises.

1. For the B-1 Neighborhood Shopping District, B-2 Community Shopping District, B-3 Highway and Service Business District, OSB Office and Service Business District, and M-1 Manufacturing District, the following standards shall apply: (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007)

a. Permitted Wall And Window Identification Signs: The maximum sign surface area permitted under this section for wall and window identification signs shall be permitted for a maximum of two (2) facades that abut either a public street or private drive aisle (not including a facade that faces a residential use) as follows: (Ord. 2013-53, 10-24-2013)

(1) Office buildings (buildings which are principally occupied by office uses):

(A) Single Tenant: The maximum sign surface area for wall and window identification signs on each side of the building facing an abutting street shall be five percent (5%) of the surface area of the side of the building (inclusive of the area taken up by windows) up to a maximum of two hundred (200) square feet. (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007)

(B) Multi-Tenant: Where a principal building is occupied by two (2) or more tenants, the maximum sign surface area per tenant for wall and window identification signs shall be five percent (5%) of the surface area of the side of the building (inclusive of the area taken up by windows) up to a maximum of two hundred (200) square feet. Wall signs may be located anywhere on an exterior building wall, including on a wall screening rooftop mechanical equipment. No roof signs are permitted. (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007; amd. Ord. 2011-21, 5-12-2011)

(2) Industrial buildings (buildings which are principally occupied by industrial, manufacturing, fabricating, processing, warehousing and/or distribution uses): (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007)

(A) Single Tenant: The maximum sign surface area for wall and window identification signs shall be five percent (5%) of the surface area of the side of the building (inclusive of the area taken up by windows) up to a maximum of three hundred (300) square feet.

(B) Multi-Tenant: Where a principal building is occupied by two (2) or more tenants, the maximum sign surface area per tenant for wall and window signs shall be five percent (5%) of the surface area of the side of the building (inclusive of the area taken up by windows) up to a maximum of three hundred (300) square feet. Wall signs may be located anywhere on an exterior building wall, including on a wall screening rooftop mechanical equipment. No roof signs are permitted. (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007; amd. Ord. 2011-21, 5-12-2011)

(3) Retail commercial buildings (buildings which are principally occupied by retail commercial uses):

(A) Single Tenant: The maximum sign surface area may not exceed two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) square feet of sign surface area for each linear foot the tenant occupies in the building or structure at the premises, or two hundred fifty feet (250'), whichever is greater.

(B) Multi-Tenant: Where a principal building is occupied by two (2) or more tenants, the maximum sign surface area per tenant may not exceed two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) square feet of sign surface area for

each linear front foot the tenant occupies in the building or structure at the premises up to a maximum five hundred (500) square feet. Wall signs shall consist of individual or grouped letters and symbols which are backlighted or individually lighted. (Ord. 2013-53, 10-24-2013)

b. Ground Signs:

(1) Number: There shall be no more than one (1) ground sign per lot, except as otherwise provided for in this section.

(2) Maximum Sign Surface Area And Height:

(A) Pylon ground signs shall not exceed a sign surface area of one hundred twenty (120) square feet and shall not exceed a maximum height of sixteen feet (16') above the average surrounding grade, however, no sign face shall be lower than eight feet (8') above the average surrounding grade. (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007)

(B) Monument ground signs shall not exceed a sign surface area of one hundred sixty (160) square feet and shall not exceed a maximum height of twelve feet (12') above average surrounding grade. The sign surface area portion of a monument ground sign shall not be less than three feet (3') above the average surrounding grade. (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007; amd. Ord. 2017-51, 9-21-2017)

(3) Multi-Tenant Ground Signs: Multi-tenant ground signs shall be permitted for all commercial developments containing two (2) or more tenants. Multi-tenant ground signs shall be either pylon or monument signs.

(A) Number Of Panels: No multi-tenant ground sign (monument or pylon type) shall have more than eight (8) panels per side on the sign surface area identifying the businesses located therein. The panel identifying the development is excluded from this count.

(B) Sign Content: Multi-tenant signs shall not contain any advertisement other than the identity of the development and the businesses located therein. (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007)

c. Shopping Center Identification Signs: Shopping center identification ground signs shall be permitted in shopping center developments containing two (2) or more businesses. Shopping center identification ground signs may be either pylon or monument type ground signs and shall be allowed in addition to the allowable outlot signage as permitted herein.

(1) Number: There shall be no more than one shopping center identification ground sign for each shopping center development, except that where the development is located at the corner of two (2) intersecting streets, two (2) signs shall be permitted; one facing each abutting street.

(2) Sign Surface Area: The sign surface area of such ground sign (pylon or monument type) for shopping centers less than twenty (20) acres shall not exceed one hundred sixty (160) square feet. The maximum sign surface area for two (2) shopping center identification ground signs on a corner lot shall not exceed three hundred twenty (320) square feet. The sign surface area of ground signs (pylon or monument type) for shopping centers more than twenty (20) acres shall not exceed six hundred fifty (650) square feet. The maximum sign surface area for two (2) shopping center identification ground signs on a corner lot shall not exceed one thousand two hundred eighty (1,280) square feet.

- (3) Height: Shopping center identification ground signs (pylon or monument type) shall not exceed a maximum height of sixteen feet (16') above the average surrounding grade for shopping centers less than twenty (20) acres. For pylon type signs no sign face shall be lower than eight feet (8') above surrounding grade. Shopping center identification ground signs (pylon or monument type) for shopping centers more than twenty (20) acres shall not exceed a maximum height of twenty five feet (25') above the average surrounding grade.
- (4) Sign Content: Shopping center identification ground signs shall not contain any advertisement other than the identity of the shopping center and the businesses located therein.
- (5) Number Of Panels: No shopping center identification sign shall have more than eight (8) panels per side on the sign surface area identifying the businesses located therein. The panel identifying the development is excluded from this count.
- (6) Outlot Ground Signs: In addition to the shopping center identification ground signs permitted herein, outlot ground signs shall be permitted on any shopping center outlot created as a building site for one principal building or use. An outlot ground sign shall not exceed a height of six feet (6') and shall not exceed a total sign surface area of eighty (80) square feet. (Ord. 2013-53, 10-24-2013)
- d. Gasoline Service Station Signs: In addition to the signage permitted herein, establishments whose principal business is the sale of gasoline and the repair of motor vehicles shall be permitted signs, as required by law, indicating the price of gasoline available on the premises. Said signs shall be limited so as to not exceed a maximum of sixty (60) square feet of sign surface area for any one premises. Notwithstanding any provision contained in this title to the contrary, electronic message boards shall be permitted, provided the electronic components are used solely for the purpose of displaying the price of gasoline. (Ord. 2009-31, 7-16-2009)
- e. Wall Signs: Wall signs shall be no higher than the height of the building and no lower than five feet (5') above average surrounding grade; provided, however, that no such sign shall be lower than ten feet (10') above average surrounding grade when located above any entrance, sidewalk, walkway or any other area available for pedestrian traffic.
- f. Office/Industrial Development Entrance Signs: Two (2) signs shall be permitted at each entrance. Each sign may indicate only the name of the development, the management or developer thereof, and/or the address or location of the development. Such signs shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet of sign surface area and a maximum height of twelve feet (12') above average surrounding grade and may be a part of, or mounted on, an architectural entrance feature.
- g. Drive-Through Menu Board: Up to three (3) menu boards for a business with a drive-in or drive-through establishment shall be permitted with a maximum area of seventy five (75) square feet. (Ord. 2013-53, 10-24-2013)

2. For the RBC regional business center district, the following standards shall apply:

- a. Directional, Miscellaneous Signs: Directional, address and identification signs, whether wall or ground mounted, with sign surface areas less than six (6) square feet are allowed without restriction. (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007)
- b. Movie Theater Buildings:

(1) Ground signs shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions set forth in subsection B2d(3) of this section.

(2) The provisions of this subsection B with respect to the amount of signage located on the exterior walls of large retail buildings are modified to allow the maximum sign surface area of one sign permitted on one of the exterior walls of a movie theater to be up to a maximum of four hundred fifty (450) square feet, and up to a maximum of the lesser of five hundred fifty (550) square feet or five percent (5%) of the area of the wall for two (2) signs. The provisions are further modified to permit a maximum of five (5) total signs per building.

(3) Electronic message boards may be incorporated into a permitted ground sign in accordance with the provisions set forth in subsection C of this section. (Ord. 2013-53, 10-24-2013)

c. Gasoline Service Station Signs: In addition to the signage permitted herein, establishments whose principal business is the sale of gasoline and the repair of motor vehicles shall be permitted signs, as required by law, indicating the price of gasoline available on the premises. Said signs shall be limited so as to not exceed a maximum of sixty (60) square feet of sign surface area for any one premises. Notwithstanding any provision contained in this title to the contrary, electronic message boards shall be permitted, provided the electronic components are used solely for the purpose of displaying the price of gasoline. (Ord. 2009-31, 7-16-2009)

d. Nonretail Buildings And Large Retail Buildings: The following standards apply to buildings which are not principally occupied by retail or restaurant uses and to "large retail buildings" (defined for the purposes of this section as retail buildings with gross floor area in excess of 75,000 square feet which are occupied by a single principal use but may also contain uses which are accessory or related to the principal use):

(1) Wall And Window Identification Signs, Single Tenant: The maximum sign surface area permitted is five percent (5%) of the area of the wall up to a maximum of three hundred fifty (350) square feet for one sign and up to a maximum of seven hundred fifty (750) square feet for two (2) or more signs. Notwithstanding the above, no sign shall exceed five hundred (500) square feet in area. Wall signs may be located anywhere on an exterior building wall; no roof signs are permitted. Wall signs shall consist of individual letters and symbols which are backlighted or individually lighted.

(2) Wall And Window Identification Signs, Multi-Tenant: Where a principal building is occupied by two (2) or more tenants, the maximum sign surface per tenant may not exceed two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) square feet of sign surface area for each linear front foot the tenant occupies in the building or structure at the premises up to a maximum of one hundred fifty (150) square feet. Wall signs shall consist of individual or grouped letters and symbols which are backlighted or individually lighted.

(3) Ground Signs: A maximum of one ground mounted sign for each side of a building which has street frontage is permitted. A maximum of one ground mounted sign is permitted for a building without street frontage. A ground sign shall have no more than two (2) sign surfaces and shall have a total of no more than one hundred sixty (160) square feet of sign surface area. Sign surfaces shall contain no more than eight (8) business names in addition to building identifications. Ground signs shall be set back a minimum of five feet (5') from road right of way lines and shall have a maximum height of ten feet (10') from the top of the nearest roadway curb, but in any circumstance, a five foot (5') high sign shall be permitted.

e. Retail Buildings:

(1) Ground Signs: Ground signs for buildings which are principally occupied by retail or restaurant uses, including shopping center identification signs, shall have a maximum height of ten feet (10') from the top of the nearest roadway curb. The permitted sign surface area for such signs shall be two (2) square feet for each two and one-half feet (2¹/₂') of linear building frontage up to a maximum of eighty (80) square feet for a sign with two (2) sign surfaces and forty (40) square feet for a sign with one sign surface. A sign surface shall contain no more than eight (8) business names. Freestanding retail and restaurant buildings within a shopping center complex shall not have a ground sign separate from that of the shopping center.

(2) Wall And Window Identification Signs, Single Tenant: The maximum sign surface area permitted shall not exceed two hundred fifty (250) square feet.

(3) Wall And Window Identification Signs, Multi-Tenant: Where a principal building is occupied by two (2) or more tenants, the maximum sign surface per tenant may not exceed two and one-half (2¹/₂) square feet of sign surface area for each linear front foot the tenant occupies in the building or structure at the premises up to a maximum of two hundred fifty (250) square feet. Wall signs shall consist of individual or grouped letters and symbols which are backlighted or individually lighted.

f. Development Signs: Signs identifying a development area under common ownership, control or designation are permitted as additional signs within the RBC district, subject to the following restrictions:

(1) Expressway Signs: One development area sign with a maximum of two (2) sign surfaces may be located on a premises adjacent to an interstate highway or tollway for each three hundred twenty (320) acres within a development area; each sign surface area shall not exceed eight hundred (800) square feet.

(2) Corner Entryway Signs: No more than one corner entryway sign may be located on each corner of an intersection of public roads within and on the perimeter of a development area. Each corner entryway sign shall have no more than one sign surface which shall not exceed two hundred (200) square feet. A corner entryway sign shall have a maximum height of ten feet (10') from the top of the nearest roadway curb, but in any circumstance, a five foot (5') high sign shall be permitted. All corner entryway signs shall be located behind a line drawn between points on the nearest roadway right of way lines which are twenty five feet (25') away from the intersection of those lines. A corner entryway sign shall not be allowed if a permit has been issued for the erection of a median entryway sign in an adjacent landscaped center median in accordance with subsection B2f(3) of this section. (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007)

(3) Median Entryway Signs: Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in subsection [9-11-5B](#) of this chapter, the director of community development may, upon his sole and exclusive discretion as the zoning official, issue a sign permit for the erection of one median entryway sign at each street entrance to the development area where an improved landscaped center median is provided. In the exercise of determining whether or not a permit may be issued for a median entryway sign, the director of community development shall evaluate the conformance of the proposed sign to the applicable design, landscaping, illumination and construction standards set forth in this chapter as well as other standards set forth in this section. A median entryway sign shall not be allowed if a permit has been issued for the erection of a corner entryway sign on any of the adjacent corner properties, in accordance with subsection B2f(2) of this section. The director of community development shall not issue a permit for a median entryway sign unless the following standards are satisfied: (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007; amd. Ord. 2010-29, 5-20-2010)

- (A) The width of the landscaped center median upon which the sign may be placed shall be not less than twenty feet (20') in width.
- (B) The sign may not exceed a total sign surface area of three hundred (300) square feet.
- (C) The sign may not exceed a height of fifteen feet (15') from the top of the nearest roadway curb, but in any circumstances at least a seven foot (7') high sign shall be permitted.
- (D) The sign may not be located less than thirty five feet (35') from the end of the median at the street intersection. (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007)

Prior to the issuance of a sign permit for a median entryway sign, the applicant shall submit to the director of community development a signed maintenance agreement, prepared in a form acceptable to the director, which obligates the applicant and his successors or assigns to maintain the sign in accordance with subsection [9-11-2D](#), and sections [9-11-4](#), 9-11-6 and 9-11-13 of this chapter. In addition, the maintenance agreement shall indemnify, defend and hold the village harmless from any losses, claims, demands, actions or costs which the village may incur as a result of the construction, placement or maintenance of a median entryway sign. The village shall have the right to demand that the applicant and his successors or assigns cure any code violations pertaining to a median entryway sign within thirty (30) days of written notification of the violation. Failure to cure the violation within thirty (30) days shall give the village the right but not the obligation to order removal of the median entryway sign. (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007; amd. Ord. 2010-29, 5-20-2010)

3. For the ORI office, research and light industrial district, the following standards shall apply:

- a. Directional And Address Signs: Internal directional and address ground mounted signs with sign surface areas less than sixteen (16) square feet are permitted.
- b. Wall And Window Identification Signs, Single Tenant: The maximum sign surface area permitted on each exterior wall of a building is five percent (5%) of the area of the wall up to a maximum of three hundred fifty (350) square feet for one sign. Wall signs may be located anywhere on an exterior building wall, including a wall screening rooftop mechanical equipment; no roof signs are permitted. Wall signs shall consist of individual or grouped letters and symbols which are backlighted or individually lighted.
- c. Wall And Window Identification Signs, Multi-Tenant: Where a principal building is occupied by two (2) or more tenants, the maximum sign surface per tenant may not exceed two and one-half (2¹/₂) square feet of sign surface area for each linear front foot the tenant occupies in the building or structure at the premises up to a maximum of one hundred fifty (150) square feet. Wall signs shall consist of individual or grouped letters and symbols which are backlighted or individually lighted.
- d. Ground Signs: A maximum of one ground sign for each principal building. A ground sign shall have no more than two (2) sign surfaces and shall have a total of no more than one hundred twenty (120) square feet of sign surface area. Sign surface shall contain no more than eight (8) tenant names per side, in addition to building identifications. Ground signs shall be set back a minimum of five feet (5') from road right of way lines and shall have maximum height of ten feet (10') from the top of the nearest roadway curb but in any circumstance a five foot (5') high sign shall be permitted. (Ord. 2007-16, 4-5-2007)
- e. Development Entrance Signs: Development entrances signs are permitted for developments with a minimum acreage of twenty (20) acres. A maximum of two (2) entrance signs shall be permitted at each development entrance, each sign with a maximum sign surface area not to exceed two

hundred (200) square feet and a maximum height not to exceed ten feet (10'). All entryway signs shall be located behind a line drawn between points on the nearest roadway right of way lines which are twenty five feet (25') away from the intersection of those lines. Signs shall have a minimum five foot (5') setback from all property boundaries.

C. Electronic Message Board Signs: In addition to the signage permitted herein, and notwithstanding any provisions contained in this title to the contrary, electronic message boards may be permitted as part of a permitted monument or pylon ground sign, provided they are in accordance with the following provisions:

1. A single electronic message board may be installed for:
 - a. Properties zoned residential, provided that they serve nonresidential uses and receive a special use permit.
 - b. Properties zoned B-1, B-2 or B-3 provided that they are located on a principal or minor arterial roadway as designated by the village comprehensive plan.
 - c. Golf courses.
2. The sign is located a minimum of one hundred feet (100') from residential uses.
3. A maximum of one electronic message board is permitted per shopping center or lot for a stand alone business. For the purposes of this section shopping centers shall include shopping center outlots and will not be permitted additional electronic message board signs, because of the presence of an outlot.
4. The electronic message board portion shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the permitted sign surface area on each side.
5. Each electronic message or image shall be displayed for a minimum time period of ten (10) seconds, before changing. Changes between shall be constant in intensity and color and shall not consist of flashing, animated, chasing or scintillating lights.
6. It must meet all applicable height and sign face area restrictions set forth in subsections A and B of this section. (Ord. 2013-53, 10-24-2013)

9-11-8: LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS:

Every permit application for a freestanding or ground sign shall be accompanied by a landscape plan meeting the standards hereinafter specified: (1976 Code §22-21-13)

- A. For every one square foot of sign surface area, there shall be provided one and one-half (1^{1/2}) square feet of landscape area. Under no circumstances shall the landscape area be less than one hundred fifty (150) square feet. (Ord. 2001-02, 1-25-2001)

B. Sodded or seeded areas shall not qualify as such a landscaped area. (1976 Code §22-21-13)

C. Using the plant point system detailed in subsection [9-13-12A3a\(3\)](#) of this title, the number of points of landscaping provided shall equal the number of square feet of required landscape area. This required landscaping shall be comprised of shrubs. Shade trees, ornamental trees, evergreen trees, perennial and annual flowers, ornamental grasses, and ground cover may be planted in the required landscape area, but do not count toward the point total.

D. In addition to the plantings herein described, the landscaped area shall also include ground protection such as, but not limited to, ground cover plants, landscaping bark or landscape timbers. (Ord. 2001-02, 1-25-2001)

E. It shall be the duty of each person owning any lot or parcel improved or to be improved with the landscaping required herein to maintain said landscaping including, but not by way of limitation, the replacement of any dead or diseased vegetation, the trimming of any overgrown vegetation and the maintenance of any ground cover or protection provided in accordance with the terms hereof. (1976 Code §22-21-13)

9-11-9: ILLUMINATION STANDARDS:

A. Signs in direct line of vision of motorists approaching any traffic signal shall not have red, green or amber illumination.

B. Neither the direct nor reflected light from primary light sources shall create traffic hazard for or confuse operators of motor vehicles on public thoroughfares. (1976 Code §22-21-12)

C. No sign shall have blinking, flashing, pulsating or fluttering lights. Beacon lights are not permitted. (Ord. 2005-47, 8-18-2005)

D. No exposed reflective type bulb or incandescent lamp which exceeds fifteen (15) watts shall be used on the exterior surface of a sign so as to expose the face of the bulb, light or lamp to any public street or adjacent property.

E. All sources of light, whether by direct exposure, surface reflections or transmissions, having an intrinsic brightness greater than thirty (30) foot-lamberts shall be shielded so that the source of light cannot be seen at any point within a residence district.

F. Any luminous source of light, whether direct exposure, surface reflection or transmission, whose total area is larger than one square foot and which can be seen from any point within a residence district, shall not exceed a brightness value of one hundred fifty (150) foot-lamberts. (1976 Code §22-21-12)

G. No source of light shall be permitted to cause illumination in excess of two-tenths (0.2) foot-candle at lot lines abutting residential districts or one foot-candle at lot lines abutting nonresidential districts. (Ord. 99-65, 10-14-1999)

H. The light from any illuminated sign shall be so shaded, shielded or directed that the light intensity or brightness will not be objectionable to surrounding areas. (1976 Code §22-21-12)

I. Wall signs may be backlighted. If a wall sign consists of individual letters and/or symbols, each letter or symbol may be backlighted or individually lighted in accordance with the provisions of this section. (Ord. 92-06, 3-12-1992)

9-11-10: TEMPORARY SIGNS:

Excluding promotional signage as identified in subsection E of this section, the following signs shall be permitted anywhere in the Village and shall not require a permit; provided, however, that such signs comply with the regulations contained in sections [9-11-4](#) through [9-11-7](#) of this chapter. (Ord. 2011-21, 5-12-2011)

A. Construction Signs:

1. For residential properties: Not more than two (2) construction signs with a sign surface area not to exceed thirty two (32) square feet per each sign; and not to exceed twelve feet (12') in height. These signs may identify the architects, engineers, contractors, or other individuals or firms involved in the construction and announce the character of the building enterprise or the purpose for which the building is intended but not include the advertisement of any product. The signs shall be confined to the site of construction and located in a manner acceptable to the Zoning Officer. Construction signs shall be removed within fourteen (14) days after the issuance of an occupancy permit.
2. For nonresidential properties: Not more than two (2) construction signs with a sign surface area not to exceed one hundred (100) square feet per each sign; and not to exceed sixteen feet (16') in height. These signs may identify the architects, engineers, contractors, or other individuals or firms involved in the construction and announce the character of the building enterprise or the purpose for which the building is intended but not include the advertisement of any product. The signs shall be

confined to the site of construction and located in a manner acceptable to the Zoning Officer. Construction signs shall be removed within fourteen (14) days after the issuance of an occupancy permit. (Ord. 2015-72, 12-17-2015)

B. Real Estate Signs:

1. On Premises Real Estate Signs:

a. For residential properties:

- (1) One (1) "For Sale" sign may be placed on the property facing each street that abuts the property. Signs may not exceed six (6) square feet of surface area per sign face.
- (2) "For Sale" signs or "Sold" signs must be removed from the property within seven (7) days after the sale of the property is closed or a lease is signed.
- (3) One (1) "Open House" sign may be placed on the property between nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. and six o'clock (6:00) P.M. on the day the house is open to the public for inspection.
- (4) No attention getting devices, e.g., balloons, banners, flashing lights, etc., may be placed on the property. (Ord. 2016-2, 1-21-2016)

b. For nonresidential properties:

- (1) For the B-1 Neighborhood Shopping District, B-2 Community Shopping District, B-3 Highway and Service Business District, and OSB Office and Service Business District, signs advertising the availability of a site for sale or lease, or announcing the forthcoming construction of such a building, are limited to one (1) such sign containing not more than thirty two (32) square feet of surface area per sign face. A maximum of one (1) sign facing each abutting street is permitted. These signs must be removed within seven (7) days after a sale is closed or a lease is signed or after the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- (2) For the ORI Office, Research and Light Industrial District and the M-1 Manufacturing District, total signage may not exceed three hundred (300) square feet of surface area. Each sign face shall have a maximum surface area of one hundred fifty (150) square feet. Each sign shall have maximum height of twelve feet (12'). A maximum of two (2) signs facing each abutting street is permitted.
- (3) For the RBC Regional Business Center District, signs may not exceed two hundred fifty (250) square feet. Real estate signs on premises adjacent to any other roadway may have a maximum of two (2) sign surfaces with a maximum area of two hundred (200) square feet for each sign surface. A maximum of two (2) signs facing each abutting street is permitted. (Ord. 2017-41, 8-17-2017)

c. "For Sale" signs or "Sold" signs must be removed from the property within seven (7) days after the sale of the property is closed or a lease is signed.

d. One (1) "Open House" sign may be placed on the property between nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. and six o'clock (6:00) P.M. on the day the house is open to the public for inspection.

e. No attention getting devices, e.g., balloons, banners, flashing lights, etc., may be placed on the property.

2. Off Premises Real Estate Open House Directional Signs:

a. Open house directional signs may not exceed six (6) square feet of surface area per sign face and may not exceed four feet (4') in height. Such signs must be professionally designed and lettered.

b. Open house directional signs may be placed on private property with the consent of the property owner, on the day of the event.

c. No attention getting devices, e.g., balloons, banners, flashing lights, etc., may be attached to an open house directional sign or placed on private property to draw attention to the sign.

d. Each open house directional sign must have attached to it by adhesive label, tag, or other means, the name, business address and business telephone number of the person responsible for the placement and removal of the sign.

e. A maximum of four (4) open house directional signs for an open house for any given premises may be placed on private property with the consent of the property owner.

f. A maximum of three (3) open house directional signs may be placed on private property at a single intersection. Such signs shall not interfere with any vehicle driver's line of vision.

g. No more than one (1) open house directional sign directing the public in a single direction may be placed by a single company. This does not prohibit the placement of more than one (1) open house directional sign by the same company as long as the signs direct the public in different directions. (Ord. 2016-2, 1-21-2016)

C. Noncommercial Signs:

1. For residential properties: Noncommercial signs may not exceed thirty two (32) square feet in total sign surface area for any premises. Noncommercial signs shall not cover an already existing sign and shall not be a roof sign.

2. For nonresidential properties: Noncommercial signs may not exceed one hundred (100) square feet in total sign surface area for any premises. Noncommercial signs shall not cover an already existing sign and shall not be a roof sign. (Ord. 2015-72, 12-17-2015)

D. Certain Advertising Signs:

1. Reserved. (Ord. 2011-21, 5-12-2011)

2. Signs located on any residential premises advertising garage or yard sales, block parties, and similar events shall be permitted if they comply with the following provisions:

- a. Not more than two (2) signs, each not more than four (4) square feet of sign surface area shall be allowed on the premises at a time.
- b. The signs shall not be located on the public right-of-way.
- c. The signs shall not be erected sooner than forty eight (48) hours prior to nor removed later than twenty four (24) hours after the sale or event.
- d. The signs shall be displayed on a premises a maximum of four (4) times per calendar year, up to three (3) consecutive days at a time. (Ord. 2009-31, 7-16-2009)

E. Promotional Signs:

1. Temporary Business Signs: Signs identifying a special or limited activity, service, product or sale of limited duration, including sidewalk sales, shall be permitted for each premises for up to sixteen (16) weeks per calendar year. Signage shall be approved in increments of seven (7) days and shall be erected and/or maintained in accordance with an approved sign permit. Said signs shall not exceed a height of ten feet (10') and a total sign surface area of one hundred (100) square feet.

Handheld or human signs shall be considered a temporary business sign and are subject to provisions of this section. Handheld or human signs shall have a minimum setback of five feet (5') from the property line on private property. Additionally, businesses are permitted a maximum of two (2) handheld or human signs at any one time and shall only be permitted during daylight hours, as provided for in the sign permit, as approved by the Building Commissioner. (Ord. 2015-72, 12-17-2015)

- a. To obtain a temporary business sign approval, the applicant must submit to the Building Commissioner the following:

- (1) A drawing of the proposed temporary sign showing dimensions.
- (2) Site plan showing the proposed location of the temporary signage.
- (3) Requested timeframe for display of the temporary sign. (Ord. 2017-51, 9-21-2017)

2. Temporary Grand Opening Signage: Pennants, streamers or inflatable signs, in accordance with an approved promotional sign permit. Said signs may be erected for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days and shall be considered temporary business signs and counted toward the total permissible signage as outlined in subsection E1 of this section.

3. Temporary Window Promotional Signs: Temporary window promotional signs shall be permitted in the B-1, B-2, B-3 and OSB Business Districts; provided, that the sign surface area of all window promotional signs shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total window area of the building or structure in which they are located. (Ord. 2011-21, 5-12-2011)

- F. Signs For Model Dwellings: One (1) ground sign not exceeding eight (8) square feet in total sign surface area on any premises upon which a model dwelling is constructed pursuant to a special

use permit granted in accordance with the provisions of section [9-5-2](#) of this title, subject to the following conditions:

1. No such sign shall be mounted at a height which causes the top of the sign to exceed four feet (4') above average surrounding grade.
2. Said signs will not be illuminated.
3. Said signs shall be depicted upon a site plan indicating size and shape, mounting height, type of material and landscaping. Such landscaping shall be in accordance with the provisions contained in section [9-11-8](#) of this chapter.
4. Said signs shall only be permitted for the period of time provided for in any special use permit granted in accordance with the provisions of section [9-5-2](#) of this title. (Ord. 88-37, §4)

G. Banner Signs: Banner signs shall be permitted in shopping center developments containing two (2) or more businesses.

1. General Guidelines:

- a. Number: There shall be no more than two (2) banners installed per light pole and no more than fifty percent (50%) of all light poles in the shopping center development or planned unit development shall have banners installed upon them at any one time.
- b. Sign Surface Area: All banners shall consist of the following dimensions: Thirty inches by sixty inches (30" x 60").
- c. Sign Content: Banners shall display the name and/or logo of the shopping center development or planned unit development, the address or location of the development, seasonal messages or graphics and information announcing villagewide events. Not more than twenty five percent (25%) of the area of the banner face shall display the name or logo of the development. In no instance shall the banner be used to display the name, logo, or specific promotion of an individual business within the development. (Ord. 2004-49, 7-15-2004)
- d. Frequency: Banners shall be displayed for a period of no longer than sixty (60) consecutive days and no more than four (4) intervals per year. (Ord. 2009-31, 7-16-2009)

2. Construction And Maintenance:

a. Material: Banners must be constructed of an acrylic fabric that adheres to the following standards:

- (1) Water resistant and repellent.
- (2) Ultraviolet and mildew resistant.
- (3) Flame retardant.

- (4) Prevents "shadowing" (a sunlight created shadow that shows 1 side of the banner through the other side).
- b. Height: Banners shall not extend higher than the light pole to which it is attached. The lower bracket used to display the banner must be mounted to allow at least eight feet (8') clearance over pedestrian thoroughfares and twelve feet (12') clearance over vehicular thoroughfares.
- c. Mounting: Both the top and bottom portion of banners must be secured to light poles in a manner that prevents them from waving or flapping in the wind.
- d. Display Brackets: Display brackets must be removed or folded against the pole when not in use. (Ord. 2004-49, 7-15-2004)

9-11-11: SIGNS ON AWNINGS, MARQUEES AND CANOPIES:

Signs shall be permitted on awnings, marquees and canopies. Such signs shall not exceed a height of twenty feet (20') above average surrounding grade. Signage permitted under this section shall be counted against the maximum wall signage permitted by sections [9-11-5](#) and [9-11-7](#) of this chapter. (Ord. 2005-47, 8-18-2005)

9-11-12: NONCONFORMING AND ILLEGAL SIGNS:

Any sign which existed lawfully on July 14, 1983, and which becomes nonconforming by reason of the adoption of this chapter or any sign which was nonconforming because of any subsequent amendment to this chapter or which shall become or remain nonconforming by reason of the annexation to Woodridge of the lot or parcel on which said sign is located, shall be considered a legal, nonconforming sign. Legal, nonconforming signs and all signs rendered illegal or prohibited by the terms of this chapter may be continued only in accordance with the regulations hereinafter set forth. Notwithstanding the nonconforming or illegal status of any sign, any such sign shall be subject to the permit and inspection fees set forth in this chapter.

- A. Inventory Of Signs; Notice: The village will develop and maintain an inventory of signs existing within the corporate limits of the village. The village shall, as soon as practicable, notify in writing, by certified mail, return receipt requested, the owner of any of each nonconforming or illegal signs of the nature of such illegality or nonconformity.
- B. Maintenance And Repair: All legal, nonconforming and illegal signs shall be maintained and repaired in accordance with the provisions contained in this code. All legal, nonconforming and illegal signs shall, in the event of any damage thereto, be repaired in conformance with all rules, regulations, standards and specifications herein contained which control the construction, illumination, landscaping and maintenance of signs.
- C. Enlargement Or Additions: No legal, nonconforming or illegal sign may be enlarged, expanded or added onto; provided, however, legal, nonconforming and illegal signs may be altered or modified so as to permit a change in the message conveyed thereon; provided such message shall not be in violation of any rule or regulation set forth in this code. (1976 Code §22-21-14)

9-11-13: DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL SIGNS:

A. Dangerous Signs: If the zoning officer shall find that any sign is unsafe, insecure or a danger to the public health or safety, or has been constructed, erected or maintained in violation of the provisions of this code, he shall give written notice to the owner and/or operator by certified mail, return receipt requested. If the owner and/or operator fails to remove or alter the structure so as to comply with the standards herein set forth in this code within ten (10) days after such notice, the sign or other advertising structure shall be removed by the village at the expense of the owner and/or operator.

B. Illegal Signs: Any commercial sign which no longer identifies a bona fide business conducted or a product sold on the premises where said sign is located shall be taken down and removed by the owners of the sign on the building, structure or property upon which said sign is located within ten (10) days after written notification from the village. Said notice shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested. Should an owner or other responsible person fail to comply with such notice within the reasonable time specified, the village is hereby authorized to cause said sign to be removed. Any expenses attendant thereto shall be the obligation of the owner and/or any other person responsible for the maintenance of said sign on the property upon which said sign was located.

Any person charged with a violation of this title with respect to signs located on property zoned for single-family residential use may, in lieu of prosecution for a violation thereof, make payment in accordance with section [1-4-2](#) of this code. (1976 Code §22-21-7)

9-11-14: ANNUAL INSPECTIONS:

The village shall annually inspect each sign regulated by this code. The inspection shall be conducted to determine whether each sign is safe, in need of removal or repair. The owner of each sign regulated pursuant to this code shall be required to pay an annual inspection fee. Inspection fees shall be paid in accordance with section [3-1A-3](#) of this code.

No inspection need be made of any sign for which a construction permit has been issued during the previous twelve (12) calendar months.

The village shall be permitted to make inspections at any time when it reasonably believes that any sign may pose a threat or danger to public safety. (1976 Code §22-21-3)

9-11-15: EXEMPTIONS FROM PROVISIONS:

The following types of signs are exempt from the provisions of this chapter except for applicable regulations contained in sections [9-11-4](#) through [9-11-7](#) of this chapter. With the exception of those signs contained in subsections B, F, P, and T of this section, no exempt sign shall be located in the public right of way. (Ord. 2015-11, 3-5-2015)

A. Signs not visible from any property line of the premises upon which they are situated and from any public thoroughfare or right of way. (Ord. 2003-17, 4-24-2003)

- B. Official directional signs located in the right of way for any public or government or private nonprofit organization when specifically approved by the director of public works. (Ord. 98-53, 9-24-1998; amd. Ord. 2011-21, 5-12-2011)

- C. Any notice, flag, emblem or insignia of a government entity. (Ord. 98-53, 9-24-1998)

- D. Any sign which is located completely within an enclosed building and which sign is not visible from outside of the building.

- E. Tablets, grave markers, headstones, statuary/memorial plaques or remembrances of persons or events that are noncommercial in nature.

- F. Any official traffic signs authorized by Illinois Compiled Statutes, the Illinois vehicle code¹⁰ and/or this code¹¹.

- G. Temporary signs celebrating the occasion of traditionally accepted patriotic or religious holidays, as well as national and state holidays.

- H. No trespassing signs, warning signs (e.g., "Beware Of Dog") and such other signs regulating the use of property when such signs do not exceed two (2) square feet in area.

- I. The changing of copy of an otherwise permitted sign, bulletin board, display encasement or marquee where no structural changes or alterations are made.

- J. Private, noncommercial, nameplate identification signs or street address identification signs when such signs do not exceed two (2) square feet in area.

- K. Tablets, memorials and cornerstones identifying a building or the date of erection, when built into a wall of such building.

- L. Private traffic direction signs directing traffic movement onto a premises or within a premises not exceeding four (4) square feet in area and four feet (4') in height for each sign. Illumination of these signs shall be permitted in accordance with the regulations contained in section [9-11-9](#) of this chapter. (Ord. 88-37, §4)

- M. Official signs of any public or governmental organization or private nonprofit organization when specifically approved by the village administrator. (Ord. 99-65, 10-14-1999)

- N. Those signs commonly referred to as barber's poles.

- O. Time and/or temperature signs. (Ord. 88-37, §4)

- P. Official governmental village entrance signs located in a right of way, or on other public property, when specifically approved by the director of public works. (Ord. 99-65, 10-14-1999; amd. Ord. 2011-21, 5-12-2011)

- Q. Scoreboards accessory to parks, recreational areas and recreational facilities. Scoreboards may be electronic and may contain interior illumination and shall be subject to section [9-8-8](#) of this title and section [9-11-9](#) of this chapter. Scoreboards shall not include the use of speakers, a public address system or any other device that generates sound for the purpose of communication or gaining attention. In no case shall a scoreboard exceed a maximum sign surface area of fifty (50) square feet or exceed a maximum height of thirteen feet (13'). No more than one scoreboard shall be permitted per athletic field. (Ord. 2001-02, 1-25-2001)

- R. Corporate flags: Up to three (3) flags bearing an entity name or symbol, and not exceeding one hundred (100) square feet in total surface area for each, shall be permitted for each lot. Flags shall be mounted on a flagpole. (Ord. 2003-17, 4-24-2003)

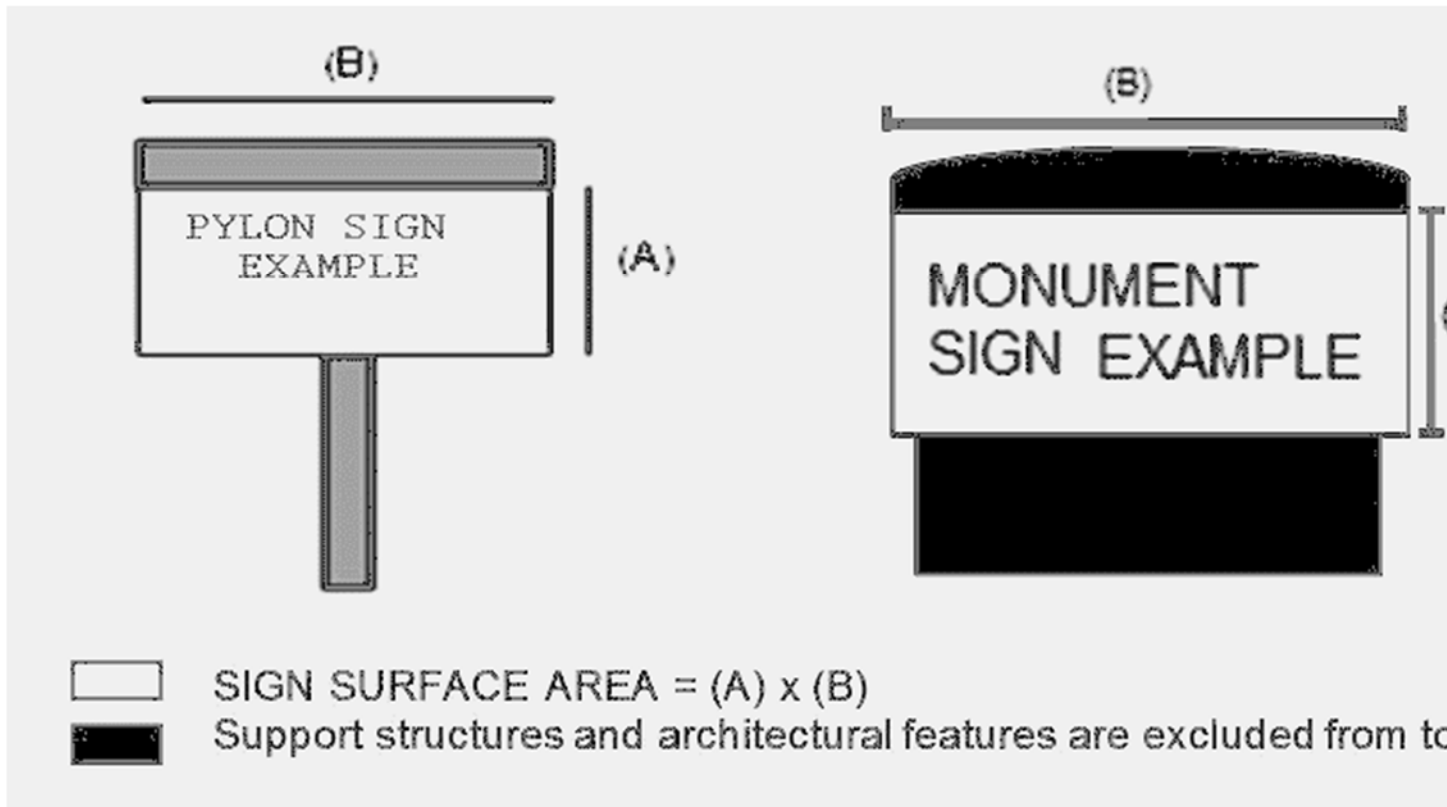
- S. Directional signage for commercial uses as mounted on a wall or canopy, not exceeding four (4) signs per building, with a maximum sign face area of four (4) square feet for each sign. (Ord. 2005-47, 8-18-2005)

T. Community not for profit entrance sign: Up to fourteen (14) identification signs, not exceeding eighteen inches (18") in height each, located in the right of way near 75th Street and Woodridge Drive, when specifically approved by the director of public works. (Ord. 2015-11, 3-5-2011)

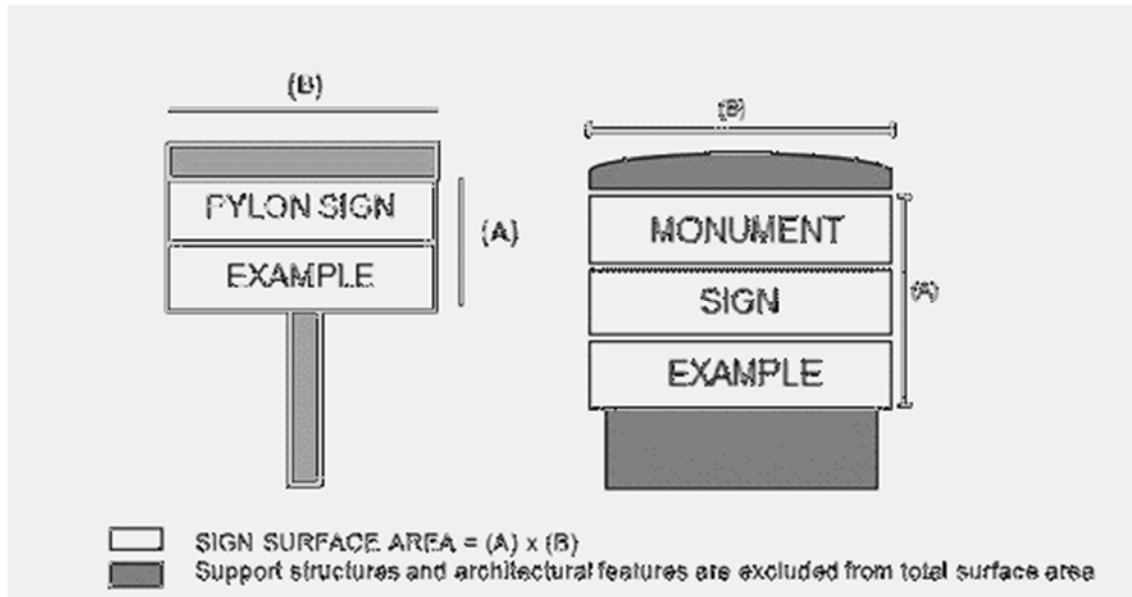
9-11-16: SIGN MEASUREMENTS: 🌐 📄

The following criteria shall be used in measuring a sign or building facade in order to determine compliance with this chapter:

A. Sign Area, Ground Sign: The sign area shall be the extreme outer dimension of the freestanding structure, excluding the support structure and architectural features. In the case of a double sided sign the total area defined below should be multiplied by two (2) for the purposes of calculating total square footage for the sign surface area.

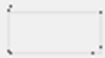
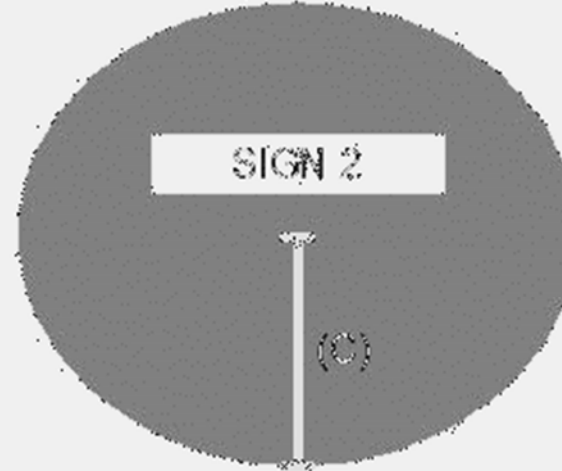
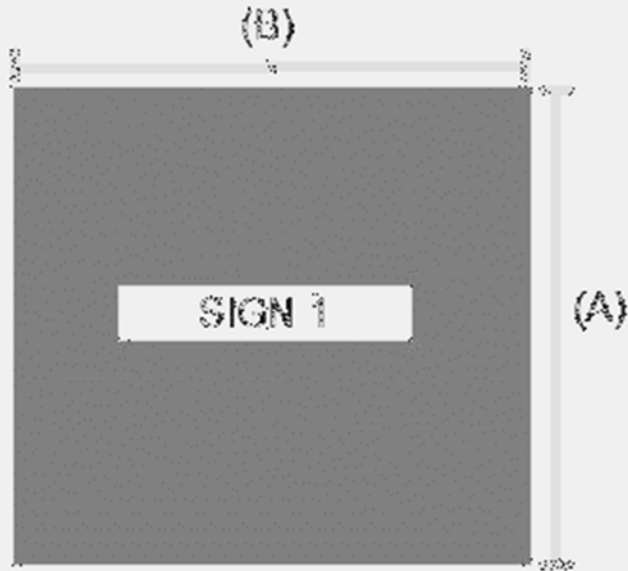


B. Sign Area, Ground Sign (Multiple Elements): For monument signs that contain multiple cabinets on one structure, the modules together are counted as one sign face in order to compute the sign area. In the case of a double sided sign the total area defined below should be multiplied by two (2) for the purposes of calculating total square footage for the sign surface area.



C. Ground And Pylon Sign (Landscape Requirement): The landscape requirement is determined by calculating the area of the landscaped area located around the base of the monument sign. Examples of a rectangular and circular area are provided below.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW



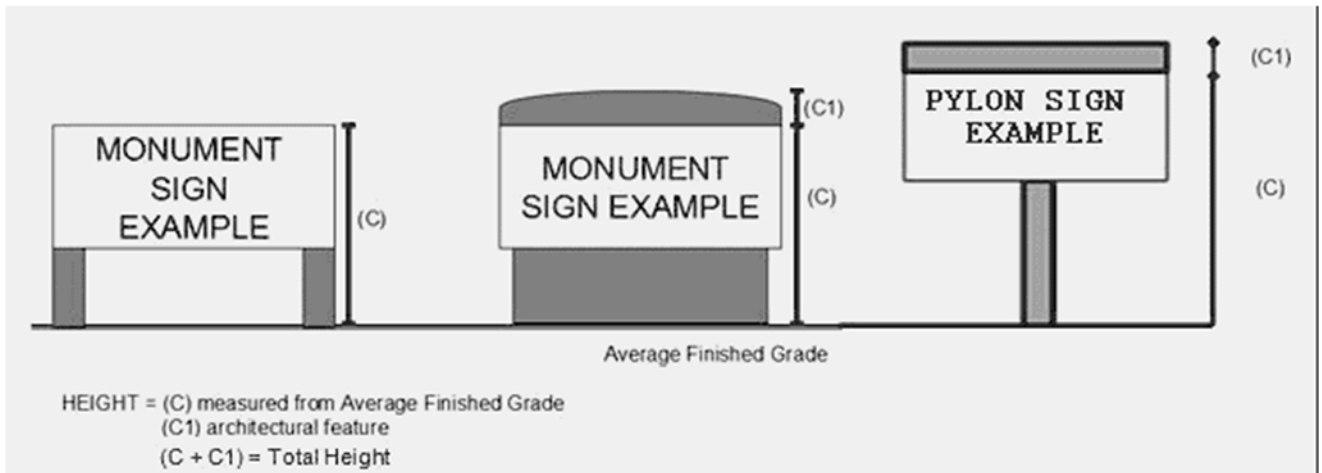
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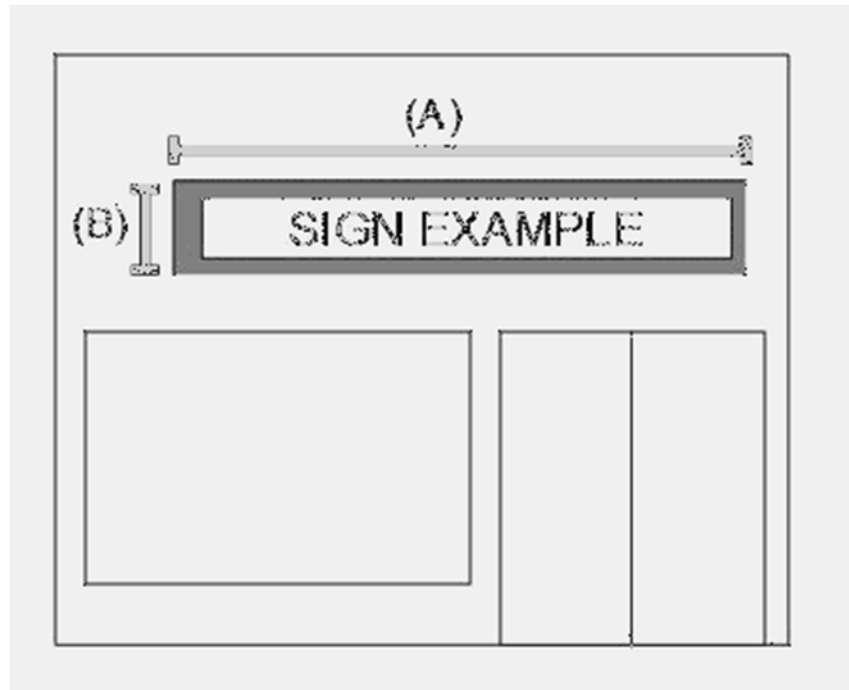
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SIGN 2: Total Required Landscaped Area = 3.14159 x ((C) x (C))

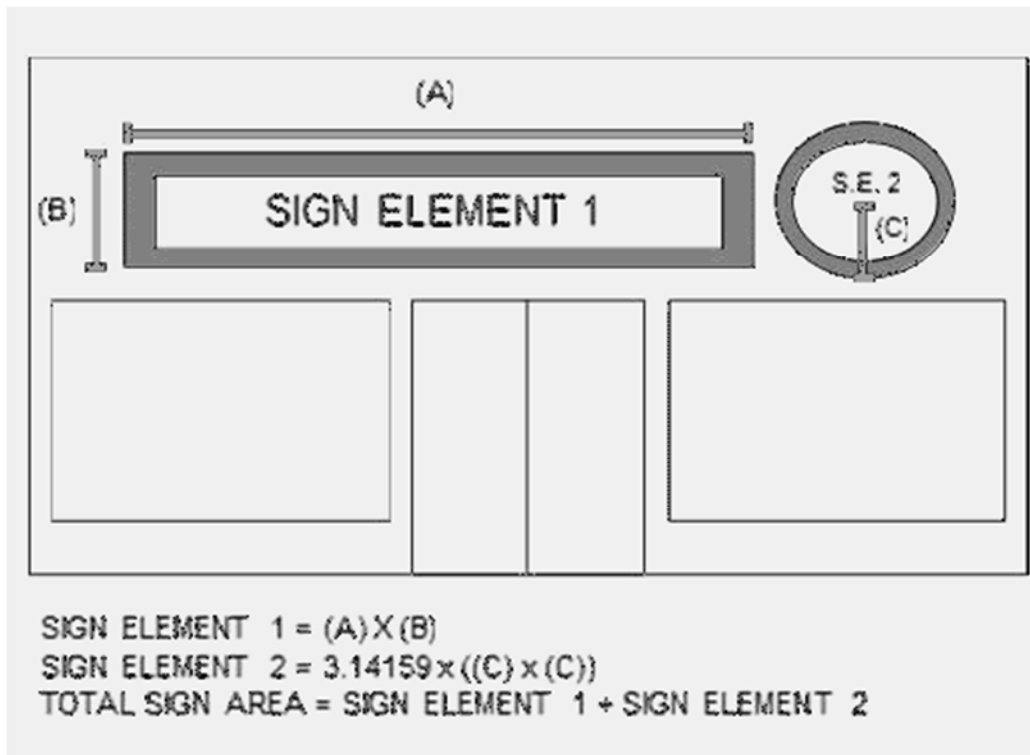
D. Sign Height, Ground Sign: The overall height of a freestanding sign or sign structure is measured from the average finished grade at the base of the sign to the highest points of the sign structure.



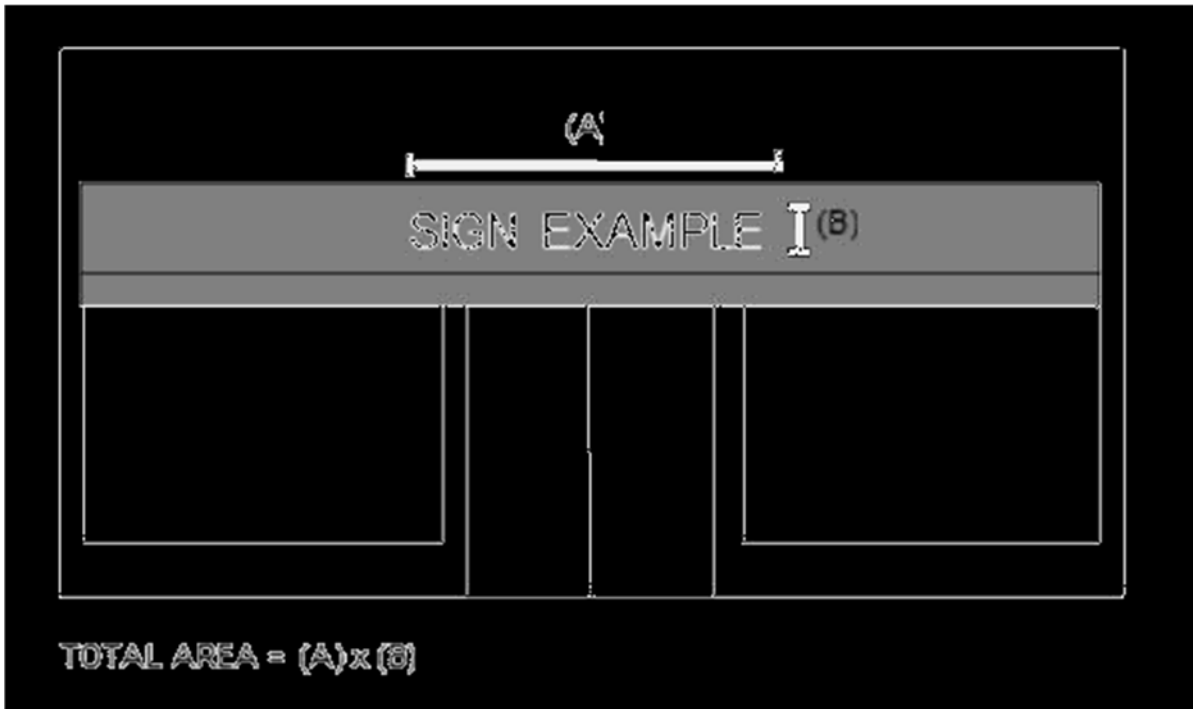
E. Sign Area, Wall Sign (Single Element): The sign area is determined by calculating the measurements of the outer dimensions of the frame or cabinet surrounding the sign.



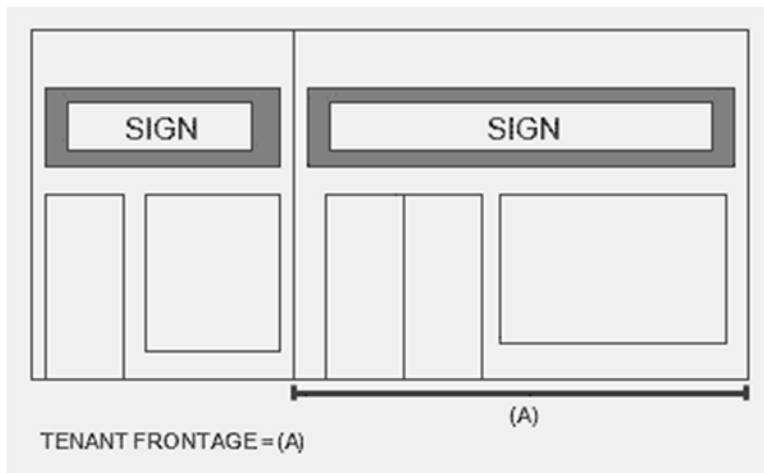
F. Sign Area, Wall Sign (Multiple Elements): When signs are constructed of individual elements, the area of all sign elements, which together convey a single, complete message, shall be considered as a single sign. The sign area is determined by calculating the area of an imaginary rectangle, circle, triangle, or parallelogram drawn around the sign elements.



G. Sign Area, Awning And Canopy: When signs are incorporated into the awning, or canopy, the sign area is determined by computing the area of an imaginary rectangle, circle, triangle, or parallelogram drawn around the sign. In case of an internally illuminated awning, marquee or canopy sign, the entire structure shall be considered a sign.



H. Measurement Of Tenant Frontage: The tenant frontage shall be calculated using the width of the first story exterior wall as described. Exterior wall dimensions shall be measured at the base of the ground floor, excluding screened walls, fences, etc. Alcoves, entryways and extruding portions shall be measured through as though along a flat wall of a building.



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