

## Chapter 15.24

### SIGN REGULATIONS

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**15.24.010 Purpose.**

The purpose of the ordinance codified in this chapter is set out as follows herein.

A. A comprehensive regulation is necessary because of the current burgeoning growth in Locust Grove and Henry County in general and because a major interstate highway runs through the city and attracts signs that are unrelated to business uses inside the city, leading to poor aesthetics and dropping property values.

B. To prevent the further deterioration of the city and to ensure that it remains an attractive residential area as well as a viable commercial area, it is necessary to maintain a visually satisfying environment. A plethora of signs of a certain size and nature, no matter how tasteful, can have an undesirable effect upon traffic safety and the well-being of the entire community. The city is more likely to attract commercial enterprises and permanent residents if it improves and maintains the city's appearance. City residents will ultimately benefit from enhanced retail and commercial environments and improvements in the quality of life as a result of these regulations. It is a rational desire of the community, and most specifically of those who live therein from day to day, to plan their physical surroundings in such a way that unsightliness is minimized.

C. Further, the city has an obligation and a right to protect the rights of adjoining landowners to adequate light and air, to promote desirable living conditions and sustain stability of neighborhoods, to protect property against blight and deprivation, and to encourage the most appropriate use of land, buildings and other structures throughout the city.

D. Accordingly, in consideration of the city's rights and obligations to promote traffic safety, to preserve property values, to provide for the convenience and enjoyment of public travel, to elimi-

nate annoyance to travelers, to attract tourists, residents and industry, to serve the public health, safety and morals, to advance the general prosperity of the community, and to serve the general welfare, the city council imposes the regulations contained in this chapter.

E. The city council finds that signs provide an important medium through which individuals and entities may convey a variety of noncommercial and commercial messages. However, left completely unregulated, signs can become a threat to public safety as well as a traffic hazard. Such signs may also constitute an aesthetic nuisance and be a detriment to property values and the city's public welfare. The city council intends by enacting the ordinance codified in this chapter to:

1. Balance the rights of individuals and entities to convey their message through signs and the right of the public to be protected against the unrestricted proliferation of signs;
2. Protect the public health, safety, welfare, and aesthetics of the city;
3. Reduce traffic and pedestrian hazards;
4. Maintain the historical image of the city;
5. Protect property values by minimizing the potentially adverse effects and visual blight caused by signs;
6. Promote economic development; and
7. Ensure the fair and consistent enforcement of sign regulations.

(Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

#### **15.24.020 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter, the definitions contained in this section shall control. In addition, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them below, unless the context clearly indicates a contrary meaning:

“Aerial view sign” means any sign which is designed primarily to be viewed from the sky from an airplane, helicopter, etc. This includes, but is not limited to, any sign horizontally affixed to a roof or attached to a roof such that the sign is not readily viewable from the surrounding ground.

“Aggregate signable area” means the sum total of the signable area of any and all signs, for a given lot. Street numbers assigned by the United States Postal Service shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate signable area.

Animated sign. See Flashing sign.

“Awning sign” means any sign on a cloth, metal, plastic or other cover designed to shade a window or entrances and attached to any structure.

“Back to back sign” means a sign with two parallel sign faces oriented in opposite directions.

Banner sign. See Temporary sign.

Beacon. See Temporary sign.

Bench sign. See Ground sign.

Blade sign. See Projecting sign or Swinging sign.

Bracket sign. See Projecting sign or Swinging sign.

“Building frontage” means the linear feet of the exterior wall of a building that faces any road or street that provides a means of direct ingress and egress to the lot.

“Business subdivision” means a single parcel on which multiple businesses are located, or multiple connected parcels on which businesses are located and where the owners of the parcels share any common property.

Canopy sign. See Wall sign.

Changeable copy sign. See Flashing sign.

“Decal” means a picture, design or label made to be transferred (as to glass, wood, metal or any other hard object) from specially prepared paper.

“Decision date” means the date upon which the director of the Henry County planning and zoning department or his designated representative, the director of the Henry County building department or his designated representative, or (depending upon applicability) the city council or its designated representative makes a final decision on the approval or denial of a sign application.

Detached sign. See Ground sign.

Door sign. See Wall sign or Window sign.

“Eave” means the projecting lower edges of a roof overhanging the wall of a building.

“Entrance sign” means any sign placed at the intersection of a public street and a public or private entryway into an apartment complex, condominium complex, office complex, industrial complex or other building or buildings with multifamily residential dwelling units or multiple commercial units.

“Erect” means to build, paint, construct, attach, hang, place, suspend, assemble or affix.

“Externally illuminated signs” means any sign illuminated by an external light source directed primarily toward such sign.

Fascia sign. See Wall sign.

“Flag” means a usually rectangular piece of fabric of distinctive design that is used as a symbol as of a nation, as a signaling device or as a decoration.

“Flashing sign” means any sign whose message or appearance scrolls, flashes, rotates or changes, or whose illumination changes in intensity more often than once every fifteen seconds, including but not limited to reader boards.

Flat sign. See Wall sign.

“Ground sign” means any sign supported by uprights or braces which are permanently placed into the ground, and not supported by or suspended from any building.

“Hand held signs” means any sign larger than six inches by six inches carried by a human appendage or prosthesis including but not limited to picket signs, shields or sandwich boards.

“Height” means the vertical distance measured from the lowest adjacent grade to the highest point of the sign or sign structure.

“Internally illuminated signs” means any sign which has characters, letters, figures, designs or outlines illuminated by electric lights or luminous tubes located within the interior parts of the sign.

“Interstate sign” means any sign located on private premises and situated such that the content of the sign is directed to attract the traveling public on Interstate 75.

“Lot” means a single tax parcel as shown on Henry County’s tax map.

Mansard sign. See Roof sign or Wall sign.

Marquee sign. See Flashing sign.

Mobile sign. See Temporary sign.

Monument sign. See Ground sign.

Moving sign. See Flashing sign.

Multiple Message sign. See Flashing sign.

“Non-combustible material” means any material which will not ignite at or below a temperature of one thousand two hundred degrees Fahrenheit and will not continue to burn or glow at that temperature.

“Nonconforming sign” means any sign which does not conform with the provisions of this Article at the date of adoption of same.

Painted Wall sign. See Wall sign.

Parapet sign. See Wall sign.

Pennant. See Temporary sign.

“Person” means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, entity or organization of any kind.

Pitched Roof sign. See Roof sign.

Pole sign. See Ground sign.

Portable sign. See Temporary sign.

“Primary Facade” means the exterior wall of the building that faces the main parking area or street and includes the primary entrance into the building. If the building faces more than one parking area or street, the largest exterior wall of the building with a primary entrance which is most nearly parallel to the widest street or largest parking area to which the building faces.

“Projecting sign” means any sign which is attached perpendicular to a building or other structure and extends more than twelve inches horizontally from the plane of the building wall.

Pylon sign. See Ground sign.

Readerboard. See Flashing sign.

“Reflectors” means any device created for the purpose of reflecting light directed at the device so as to render the device especially visible.

“Residence” means a home, abode, or place where an individual is actually living on a non-temporary basis.

Revolving sign. See Flashing sign.

“Roof sign” means a sign which is attached to a building or structure and is displayed above the lowest horizontal line of a building’s roof.

Rotating sign. See Flashing sign.

Sandwich sign. See Temporary sign or Hand held sign.

Searchlight. See Temporary sign.

“Secondary Facade” means any exterior wall of a building, other than the primary facade.

Shingle sign. See Projecting sign or Swinging sign.

Sidewalk sign. See Temporary sign.

“Sign” means every device, item, product, frame, letter, figure, character, mark, plane, point, design, picture, stroke, stripe, trademark, or reading matter, which is used or intended to be used to attract attention or convey information when the same is placed in view of the general public. For the purpose of determining number of signs, a single display surface or a single display device containing different elements that are organized, related, and composed to form a unit shall be considered to be

one sign. Where different elements are displayed in a random manner without an organized relationship to each other, or where there is reasonable doubt as to the relationship of different elements to each other, each element shall be considered to be a single separate sign.

Sign face. See Signable area.

“Signable Area” means the total area upon which a message is displayed on any sign. For double-face signs, the side with the largest signable area shall be used in computing signable area. If the two faces of a double-face sign are of unequal area, the signable area shall be the area of the larger face. For wall signs consisting entirely of products shaped in the form of letters or other figures attached directly to a wall or roof, the signable area shall consist of the net geometric area measured by the smallest possible single square or rectangle enclosing the display surface of the sign including the outer extremities of all letters, characters and delineations.

“Stake sign” means any temporary sign supported by at least one upright placed into the ground, and not supported by or suspended from any building with signable area not greater than eight square feet.

“Store front” means the primary facade of a single, undivided unit containing an area larger than seven hundred and fifty square feet.

Streamer. See Temporary sign.

“Subdivision sign” means any sign placed at the intersection of two public roads where one of the roads is the main thoroughfare into and out of a single family residential subdivision.

“Subdivision internal sign” means any sign placed at the intersection of two public roads inside a residential subdivision.

“Submission date” means the date stamped on a sign application indicating the date the application was actually received by the Henry County department of planning and zoning and by the city clerk.

Suspended sign. See Projecting sign or Swinging sign.

“Swinging sign” means any sign which is mounted such that the sign may freely move back and forth.

“Temporary sign” means any sign or device which is not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure, which is designed to be mobile or is designed to remain in place for a limited time. This includes, but is not limited to, signs which are designed to be transported regularly from one location to another, signs which are designed with wheels, regardless of whether the wheels remain attached to the sign, or signs tethered to an existing structure. These signs include, but are not limited to: (1) sky lights; (2) balloons; (3) streamers; (4) flag strings; (5) inflatable displays; (6) banners; (7) beacons; (8) searchlights; (9) pennants; and (10) mechanical or animated figures.

“V Formation sign” means a sign with two sign faces, forming the shape of the letter “V” when viewed from above, with an angle between the two faces of not more than sixty degrees.

“Wall sign” means any sign which is attached parallel to or painted on an exterior building wall, which may include a door.

“Window sign” means any sign displayed to an outside observer on or through a window or covering a window, which may include a door.

“Zoning district” means the use classification of parcels of land as defined under the city’s zoning map generally. (Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

**15.24.030 Applications and permits.**

A. **Application Requirements.** All applications for sign permits must be complete and contain all required information. If either the director of the Henry County department of planning and zoning or his designated representative, the city clerk or her designated representative, or the city council or its designated representative shall determine that the application does not contain all required information as set forth in this chapter, or if such information is not sufficient to determine whether the permit should be issued or denied, or if such information is inaccurate or untrue, the application shall be denied by the city council or its designated representative.

B. **Permit Application.** Application for permits to erect signs shall be made upon forms provided by the Henry County department of planning and zoning, and shall contain or have attached thereto the following information:

1. Name, address, and telephone number of the applicant;
2. Address of building, structure, or lot to where the sign is to be attached or erected;
3. Position of the sign in relation to nearby buildings or structures, property lines and other signs located on the lot showing compliance with all setback lines required by the city;
4. Three sets of accurately scaled color drawings of the plans, contents, specifications, and method of construction and attachment to the building or the ground for the sign as well as a scaled drawing of the site showing drives, structures, and any other limiting site features;
5. Name of person, firm, corporation, or association erecting the sign (i.e. contractor or builder);
6. Written consent of the owner of the building or lot upon which the sign is to be erected;
7. A written list describing all other signs located on the lot indicating the sign type, size and placement;
8. Such other information as the director of the Henry County department of planning and zoning or his designated representative, and/or the director of the Henry County building department or his designated representative, and/or the city clerk or her designated representative, and/or the city council or its designated representative may reasonably require for the permitting process relating to the sign to be permitted, the lot upon which the sign is to be placed, and/or the placement of the sign and the effects thereof on traffic patterns, pedestrians, and/or general aesthetics.

C. **Submission of Sign Permit Applications.**

1. Sign permit applications must be delivered to the Henry County department of planning and zoning and simultaneously to the city clerk. It shall be the duty of the applicant to ensure that both the director of the Henry County department of planning and zoning and the city clerk receive a copy of the permit application with all attachments as required by the ordinance codified in this chapter.

2. All permit applications submitted to the Henry County department of planning and zoning must be stamped by the director thereof or his designated representative indicating the submission date.

3. All permit applications submitted to the city clerk must be stamped by the city clerk or her designated representative indicating the submission date.

D. **Approval of Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning.** Approval of the director of the Henry County department of planning and zoning or his designated representative is required for

all sign permit applications. Such officer shall examine the plans and specifications to determine if the same complies with the city's zoning regulations.

E. Approval of Director of the Building Department. Approval of the director of the Henry County building department or his designated representative is required for all sign permit applications. Such officer shall examine the plans and specifications to determine if the same comply with the city's building code requirements.

F. Permit Required. It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, repair, alter, relocate, or maintain any sign as defined in this chapter, except for those signs exempt from this chapter under Section 15.24.120, without first obtaining a permit from the city council or its designated representative in the manner set forth in this chapter or otherwise complying with the terms herein.

G. Approval of City Council. Approval of the city council or its designated representative is required for all signs that require a permit. Such officer, after the application is approved by the director of the Henry County department of planning and zoning or his designated representative and by the director of the Henry County building department or his designated representative, shall examine the plans and specifications to determine if the same comply with the city's code of ordinances, and shall then mark his approval or denial on the application.

H. Application Fees. Each application for a sign permit must be accompanied by a payment of the application fee to the Henry County planning and zoning department. The fee for sign permit applications shall be fifty dollars.

I. City Application Fees. Before a sign permit may be issued the applicant shall pay to the city a fifty dollar permit fee or such other fee as may be set by the city council.

J. Issuance and Denial of Applications and Permits.

1. In the event the director of the Henry County department of planning and zoning or his designated representative determines or learns at any time that the applicant has not properly completed the application for the proposed sign or that the application does not meet all requirements for approval, he shall promptly notify the applicant of such fact and shall automatically deny the application.

2. Provided that the sign application is complete and approved, all fees have been paid, and the proposed sign and the lot upon which the sign is to be placed are within all the requirements of this chapter and all other ordinances of the city and other applicable law, the director of the Henry County planning and zoning shall approve the application and then forward the same to the Henry County building department for consideration.

3. In the event the director of the Henry County building department or his designated representative determines or learns at any time that the applicant has not properly completed the application for the proposed sign or that the application does not meet all requirements for approval, he shall promptly notify the applicant of such fact and shall automatically deny the application.

4. Provided that the sign application is complete and approved, all fees have been paid, and the proposed sign and the lot upon which the sign is to be placed are within all requirements of this chapter and all other requirements of the city's building code requirements. The director of the Henry County building department shall approve the application and forward the same to the city council for consideration.

5. All applications shall either be denied or approved and forwarded to the Henry County building department by the director of the Henry County department of planning and zoning within forty-five days of the submission date. If the application is denied because it does not contain the required information or the information is inaccurate or false, a new application must be submitted with all of the required information and such application shall be assigned a new submission date.

6. Upon making his final decision, the director of the Henry County department of planning and zoning or his designated representative must stamp each application with a decision date.

7. All applications shall either be denied or approved and forwarded to the city council by the director of the Henry County building department within forty-five days of the submission date. If the application is denied because it does not contain the required information or the information is inaccurate or false, a new application must be submitted with all of the required information and such application shall be assigned a new submission date.

8. Upon making his final decision, the director of the Henry County building department or his designated representative must stamp each application with a decision date.

9. Once an application is approved by both the director of the Henry County department of planning and zoning and the director of Henry County building department, and forwarded to the city council, the application shall appear on the agenda of the city council's meeting within sixty days of the council's receipt from the Henry County building department.

10. Upon making his final decision, the city council or its designated representative must stamp each application with a decision date. The applicant shall pay any fee charged by the Henry County building department for this service.

K. Time Period. If the work authorized under a permit has not been completed to the satisfaction of the city council or its designated representative using common industry standards within six months after the date of issuance, the permit shall become null and void.

L. Display of Identification Number. Every sign constructed, erected, or maintained for which a permit is required by this chapter shall be plainly marked with the identification number issued by the Henry County building department for the structure firmly affixed to the sign in such manner that the identification number shall be readily visible, accessible for inspection and durable.

M. Altering Identification Number. Displaying an identification number that has been tampered with, altered, or mutilated, or displaying a sign without an identification number shall be a misdemeanor offense punishable in municipal court. The penalties for such a violation are provided in Section 15.24.130.

N. Appeals. The denial of a permit under this section may be appealed to the city council under the procedure set forth below:

1. In the event that the director of the Henry County department of planning and zoning denies an application, he or his designated representative shall notify the applicant of the denial of a sign permit application within ten business days (i.e. days that the Henry County planning and zoning department is open to the public for regular business) of the decision date. Notice shall be made in writing and sent to the applicant's address listed on the sign permit application.

2. In the event that the director of the Henry County building department denies an application, he or his designated representative shall notify the applicant of the denial of a sign permit application within ten business days (i.e. days that the Henry County planning and zoning department is

open to the public for regular business) of the decision date. Notice shall be made in writing and sent to the applicant's address listed on the sign permit application.

3. In the event that the city council or its designated representative denies an application, the city clerk or her designated representative shall notify the applicant of the denial of a sign permit within ten business days (i.e., days when city hall is open to the public for regular business) of the decision date.

4. Any appeal of the director of the department of planning and zoning or his designated representative, or of the director of the Henry County building department or his designated representative, or of the city council or its designated representative's decision relating to a sign permit application must be made within three days of receipt of notice of the denial. The appeal must be in writing and filed with the city clerk. In the event that no appeal is made within the three day period, the decision of the director of the Henry County department of planning and zoning or his designated representative, or of the director of the Henry County building department or his designated representative, or of the city council or its designated representative shall become final.

5. The city council shall hold the hearing on any such appeal no more than thirty-two days after receipt of the appeal.

6. The city council shall make its final determination on the appeal not more than thirty-two days after the date of the hearing. The city clerk shall notify the applicant of the council's decision in writing, delivered to the address contained on the sign permit application. (Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

#### **15.24.040 Construction standards—All signs.**

A. **Building Code Compliance.** All signs shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the city's building code.

B. **Materials Required.** All signs for which a permit is required by this chapter, except those covered by Section 15.24.070 of this chapter and temporary signs, shall be constructed of non-combustible material.

C. **Reflectors.** Reflectors and lights shall be permitted on ground signs, roof signs, and wall signs; provided, however, that the reflectors and lights shall be provided with proper glass lenses so that no light therefrom creates a hazardous or dangerous condition.

D. **Internal Illumination.** The illumination of internally illuminated signs shall not exceed twenty foot candles of incandescent light measured at a distance of ten feet from such structure.

E. **External Illumination.** Externally illuminated signs shall be lighted so that no lights are positioned in such a manner that light glares or shines into the eyes of motorists or pedestrians so as to create a hazardous or dangerous condition.

F. **Other Code Compliance.** All building, construction, setback, zoning or other relevant codes excluding permitting (other than that provided elsewhere herein) shall be applicable to the location, construction and siting of signs and shall be read in harmony with this chapter.

G. **Construction Near or On a Lot Containing an Existing Billboard, Pylon, or Off Premises Sign.**

1. Construction of any structure, building, or appurtenance adjacent to, or on a lot containing an interstate sign, pylon or ground sign under the standards of this provision shall require that:

a. No buildings, structures, or appurtenances may be constructed within the fall zone of such sign. A “fall zone” is defined as an area equal to one hundred thirty-three percent of the height of the sign in every direction;

b. No subdivision of a parcel containing a billboard shall be permitted unless the subdivided lot containing the billboard is large enough to encompass the fall zone of such billboard.

2. Construction of any interstate sign, pylon or ground sign on a lot containing any structure, building or appurtenance under the standards of this provision shall require that:

a. No sign may be constructed where a building, structure or appurtenance will be located within the fall zone of the sign. A “fall zone” is defined as an area equal to one hundred thirty-three percent of the height of the sign in every direction;

b. No subdivision of a parcel containing an interstate sign, pylon or ground sign shall be permitted unless the subdivided lot containing the sign is large enough to encompass the fall zone of such sign. (Ord. 03-06-02Z § 1; Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

**15.24.050 Special limitations.**

In addition to the limitations set forth in the other sections of this chapter, the following limitations shall apply to these specific types of signs:

A. Wall Signs. No wall sign shall cover wholly or partially any wall opening, nor project beyond the ends or top of the wall to which it is attached.

B. Roof Signs.

1. Set-back from Roof Edge. No roof sign shall be erected or maintained within five feet of the outside wall toward which the sign faces.

2. Prohibited Obstructions. No roof sign shall be placed on the roof of any building or structure in such manner as to prevent free passage from one part of the roof to any other part thereof or interfere with openings in the roof.

C. Projecting Signs.

1. No projecting sign may be placed over streets, alleys, or ways available for vehicular traffic.

2. Night Illumination. Every projecting sign located at a commercial business shall be illuminated between sunset and eleven p.m. every night Monday through Saturday, on each side thereof, by at least five watts per square foot of sign surface, but in no case less than sixty watts for each sign surface.

3. All projecting signs must be installed at a ninety degree angle to the building facade.

D. Temporary Signs.

1. Temporary signs must be removed from the premises within thirty days from the date the sign is first placed on the lot except:

a. Stake signs of professional quality print placed upon a lot by the property owner, or at the property owner's request, advertising the lot, or any portion thereof, to be for sale or lease, which shall be removed immediately upon the sale or rent of the property; and

b. Banners placed in city parks, which shall be removed within seventy-two hours after placement.

2. Stake signs shall not be erected before three p.m. on Friday and shall be removed no later than eleven fifty-nine p.m. Sunday; except for any stake sign of professional quality print placed upon a lot by the property owner, or at the property owner's request, advertising the lot, or any part thereof, to be for sale or rent.

3. Stake signs may be located on private property, subject to the restrictions of this chapter. Stake signs may not be placed in the right-of-way of any public road, street, highway, interstate, or other thoroughfare.

4. All temporary signs shall be securely installed, and shall meet all applicable safety standards as prescribed by the building code, electrical code or as promulgated by the city council or its designated representative.

5. Before a permit may be issued for a temporary sign, as prescribed by Section 15.24.030 of this chapter, the applicant must demonstrate that the sign will not adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, aesthetics or morality of the community.

6. If any temporary sign is erected or maintained in such a manner so as to be in violation of this chapter or any other ordinance or law of the city, the city council or its designated representative may give written notice to the owner thereof and to the owner of the property and premises upon which the sign is located that the sign must be removed within three days. If the sign is not thereafter removed, the city council may cause its removal and impose the cost of the removal as a lien upon the property upon which the sign sits.

E. Awning Signs.

1. Awning signs must be painted or installed directly on the valances of the awning.
2. Awning signs shall not have lettering or graphics exceeding ten inches in height.
3. No awning sign may be internally illuminated.
4. The signable area of any awning sign shall not exceed ten percent of the surface area of the awning.

F. Entrance Sign. All entrance signs shall be placed on private property and may not be placed in the right-of-way, except that the city council may allow an entrance sign to be placed in the right-of-way in a center median if: (1) the sign has two faces; (2) the location has been approved in writing by the city council and, if applicable, the Henry County department of transportation or the Georgia Department of Transportation; and (3) the applicant agrees to be responsible for maintenance and repair of the entrance sign and ensures that the existence of the entrance sign is documented on the final plat for the development.

G. Subdivision Sign. All subdivision signs shall be placed on private property and may not be placed in the right-of-way, except that the city council may allow a subdivision sign to be placed in the right-of-way in a center median if: (1) the sign has two faces; (2) the location has been approved in writing by the city council and, if applicable, the Henry County department of transportation or the Georgia department of transportation; and (3) the applicant agrees to be responsible for maintenance and repair of the subdivision sign and ensures that the existence of the subdivision sign is documented on the final plat for the development.

H. Flags.

1. In Ground. A flag may be flown from a metal pole permanently placed in the ground. The pole shall not exceed two and five-eighths inches in diameter, nor twenty feet in height. The flag flying from such pole shall not exceed three feet in width and five feet in length.

2. Projecting. A flag may be flown from a metal or wooden pole attached to a bracket projecting from the side of a building or door frame. The pole shall not exceed six feet in length, nor one inch in diameter. The flag flying from such pole shall not exceed three feet in width and five feet in length. Additionally, the flag displayed in such manner shall not impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

3. Hanging. A flag may be hung in either the primary facade or secondary facade of a property appropriately zoned under this chapter. The flag shall count against the percentage of window signage permitted for the zoned property as delineated in Section 15.24.080.

4. Limit. Only one flag (either ground, projecting or hanging) shall be flown or displayed on each property. The flag shall count against the allocation of the ground, projecting or window signage permitted for each property in Section 15.24.080.

I. Hand Held Signs. All hand held signs shall meet the following regulations:

1. Hand held signs are permitted only in conjunction with the city's ordinances and regulations of mass gatherings.

2. No hand held signs shall be placed or carried which extend beyond the width of the carrier's body or that extend more than twenty-four inches above the carrier's head.

3. All persons carrying any such signs, shields or sandwich boards shall remain at least ten feet apart, shall not stand or loiter in front of any doorway, driveway or street intersection and shall not interfere with the general flow of traffic, whether pedestrian or vehicular.

4. All hand held signs are exempt from the permitting requirements of Section 15.24.030.
- J. Banners on City Property.
  1. In accordance with Section 15.24.060 city sponsored or operated events shall be exempt from sign regulation.
  2. Banners shall be considered temporary signs as defined in Section 15.24.020 of this chapter.
  3. In addition to the special limitations found in Section 15.24.050(D), banners placed on city property shall be further regulated as follows:
    - a. Banners on city property can be displayed for no more than seventy-two hours;
    - b. No person shall be permitted to display more than one banner on the premises, and only one banner shall be displayed on the premises at any given time;
    - c. Each person is responsible for erecting and removing its banner;
    - d. No banner shall be any larger than sixty square feet;
    - e. All banners shall be attached to poles provided by the city, and no banner shall at any time be attached to trees. (Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

**15.24.060 Special requirements—All signs.**

A. City Property. All lots, buildings, structures or property owned or operated by the city of Locust Grove shall be exempt from all requirements of this chapter. No sign shall be placed in the public right-of-way.

B. All Signs Must be Placed upon a Lot. No sign may be placed on any lot, which lot does not meet the minimum requirements of the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations of the Code of Locust Grove, Georgia.

C. Obstruction to Doors, Windows, or Fire Escapes. No sign shall be erected, relocated, or maintained so as to prevent free ingress to, or egress from, any door, window, or fire escape; nor shall any sign be attached to any stand pipe or fire escape.

D. Sign Not to Constitute Traffic Hazard. No sign or other structure regulated by this chapter shall be erected at the intersection of any streets in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision from vehicles thereupon; or be placed at any location where, by reason of the position, shape, or color, it may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with, any authorized traffic sign, signal, or device; or make use of the words "STOP", "DANGER", or any other word, phrase, symbol, or character in such manner as to interfere with, mislead, or confuse motorists.

E. Posting on Trees, Poles, etc. No sign shall be allowed to be tacked, painted, posted, marked, or otherwise affixed on trees, utility poles, or other similar structures, or on rocks, the ground itself, or other natural features.

F. No Posting on Supports. No message or advertisement may be displayed on any portion of the structural supports of any sign.

G. Maintenance. All signs regulated by this chapter shall be kept clean, neatly painted, and free from all electrical and mechanical hazards, including, but not limited to, faulty wiring and loose connections, and the premises surrounding the signs shall be maintained by the owner in a sanitary and inoffensive condition, free and clear of all weeds, rubbish, and debris.

H. Special Situations. Those developments which include at least one building of three stories or more may be permitted wall or roof signs in sizes not exceeding one hundred square feet per pri-

mary and secondary facade. The sign allowance provided under this section shall be exempt from the aggregate signage allowed per lot.

I. No Simulation of Public Signal. No sign shall be erected which simulates an official traffic control, warning sign or public service signal. (Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

**15.24.070 Special requirements by zoning classification.**

See 15.24.080 for additional requirements.

A. No sign shall be illuminated, either internally or externally, in any residential zoning except that entrance signs and subdivision signs may be illuminated from dusk until dawn.

B. All temporary signs are prohibited on lots zoned for residential use, except for stake signs as allowed in the charts contained in Section 15.24.080.

C. In any district zoned PD, in addition to those limitations found in Section 15.24.080, the following requirements shall be observed:

1. A uniform design scheme of signs shall be established for the development as a whole and/or for each building in the development and approved by the planning commission. Decals may be allowed provided they do not exceed four inches in width and twelve inches in length or forty-eight square inches in size.

2. Plans for the development shall include detailed descriptions of all signs, including but not limited to, size, height, location, type, colors and materials to be used, lighting and ownership responsibility.

3. Plans for signs shall undergo the same review and approval process as is required of other aspects of the development; provided that the city council may make no modification of these regulations which would permit a sign otherwise prohibited under this chapter.

4. All signs shall be designed, erected and maintained in accordance with an approved plan.

5. In addition to the signage allowed in Section 15.24.080, each individual unit with store front may have one wall sign with signable area not to exceed one square foot for each horizontal linear foot of store front.

D. Variances. This subsection shall provide the exclusive procedures for granting variances to the requirements of this chapter.

1. Upon application by the property owner of a lot zoned OI, C-1, C-2, C-3, M-1 or M-2, covering more than ten contiguous acres, the city council may grant a variance to allow the aggregate signable area to exceed five hundred square feet where the applicant has shown that:

a. All signs and structures within the business development are in conformance with this chapter; and

b. The variance, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to other property owners or tenants, or to the public good, nor would it impair the purpose and intent of this chapter; and

c. The city council shall consider at least one of the following factors:

i. The size of buildings constructed on the subject lot;

ii. The potential to subdivide the lot; or

iii. The number of different tenants occupying the buildings; and

d. Financial Loss to the Applicant. However, such loss is not sufficient grounds, by itself, to justify a variance.

Furthermore, peculiar conditions or circumstances which are the result of actions of the current or former owner(s) of the property covered by the application cannot be considered as grounds to justify a variance. The authority to erect and maintain additional signs as may be permitted under any such variance shall terminate upon the subdivision of the lot upon which such variance was granted.

2. Upon application by the property owner of a lot zoned RM, covering more than ten contiguous acres, the city council may grant a variance to allow a ground sign where the applicant has shown that:

- a. All signs and structures within the business development are in conformance with this chapter; and
- b. The variance, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to other property owners or tenants, or to the public good, nor would it impair the purpose and intent of this chapter;
- c. The city council shall consider at least one of the following factors:
  - i. The size of buildings constructed on the subject lot;
  - ii. The potential to subdivide the lot; or
  - iii. The number of different tenants occupying the buildings;
- d. Financial Loss to the Applicant. However, such loss is not sufficient grounds, by itself, to justify a variance.

Furthermore, peculiar conditions or circumstances which are the result of actions of the current or former owner(s) of the property covered by the application cannot be considered as grounds to justify a variance. The authority to erect and maintain additional signs as may be permitted under any such variance shall terminate upon the subdivision of the lot upon which such variance was granted.

3. Upon application by the property owner of a lot with property described in Section 15.24.140, the city council may grant a height variance where the applicant has shown that:

- a. All signs and structures within the business development are in conformance with this chapter;
- b. The variance, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to other property owners or tenants, or to the public good, nor would it impair the purpose and intent of this chapter;
- c. The city council shall consider at least one of the following factors:
  - i. The size of buildings constructed on the subject lot;
  - ii. The potential to subdivide the lot; or
  - iii. The number of different tenants occupying the buildings; and
- d. Financial Loss to the Applicant. However, such loss is not sufficient grounds, by itself, to justify a variance.

Furthermore, peculiar conditions or circumstances which are the result of actions of the current or former owner(s) of the property covered by the application cannot be considered as grounds to justify a variance. The authority to erect and maintain additional signs as may be permitted under any such variance shall terminate upon the subdivision of the lot upon which such variance was granted.

4. Upon application by the owner of a lot, the city council may grant a variance to allow a temporary sign to be placed on a lot for an additional ninety days.

- a. The applicant shall, in writing, state the purpose of the request and show that:
  - i. All temporary signs on the lot are in conformance with this chapter;
  - ii. All other signs and structures on this lot are in conformance with this chapter;

- iii. There are no other existing signs on the property which may be used in lieu of a temporary sign; and
- iv. Any other reason which may justify the requested variance;
  - b. The city council shall consider one or more of the following factors:
    - i. Whether the applicant has provided the required information in his or her application;
    - ii. Whether the requested variance, if granted, would cause a substantial detriment to other property owners or tenants, or to the public good, or would impair the purpose and intent of this chapter;
    - iii. Whether there are existing signs on the lot and whether any of those signs could be used in lieu of granting this variance;
    - iv. The financial loss to the applicant; however, such loss is not sufficient grounds by itself to justify a variance;
    - v. Whether the peculiar conditions or circumstances, which underline the variance request, are the actions of the current or former owner(s) of the property, since such actions shall not be considered as grounds to justify a variance;
    - vi. The size of the buildings constructed on the potential lot;
    - vii. The potential to subdivide the lot; and
    - viii. The number of different tenants occupying the building.
  - c. The variance granted pursuant to this subparagraph shall terminate automatically on expiration of the time period granted; transfer of any interest to a non-applicant in the lot upon which such variance was granted; or subdivision of the lot upon which such variance was granted.
  - d. A variance under this subparagraph may be granted no more than two times per lot per calendar year. This limitation shall apply to all lots created by subdivision of the lot upon which such variance was originally granted. (Ord. 03-12-01B § 1; Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

#### **15.24.080 Charts.**

In addition to all other regulations in this chapter, all signs must conform with the requirements of the charts contained in this section.

## A. Lots Zoned RA, R-1, R-2, R-3, RD, and RMH (where a residence is on the lot).

	Ground Sign	Projecting Sign	Wall Sign	Temporary Sign	Roof Sign	Entrance Sign	Subdivision Sign	Window Sign
Max height	4'	Prohibited			Prohibited	Prohibited	8'	Prohibited
Max width	5'							
Max sq. ft. of signable area	10		1	20 total (aggregate of all signs)			32; 18 if internal	
Max number of signs per Lot	1		1				1; 2 if internal	
Required minimum setback from right-of-way	5'			1'			1'	
Required minimum setback from electrical transmission lines	10'						10'	
Max projection from building								

## B. Lots Zoned RA, R-1, R-2, R-3, RD, and RMH (where no residence is on the lot).

	Ground Sign	Projecting Sign	Wall Sign	Temporary Sign	Roof Sign	Entrance Sign	Subdivision Sign	Window Sign
Max height	20'			8'	10' above eave	Prohibited	Prohibited	
Max width	15'	10'		8'	building width			
Max sq. ft. of signable area	1 sq. ft. per Building Frontage foot up to 300 sq. ft.	50	2 sq. ft. per Building Frontage foot up to 200 sq. ft.	32 total (aggregate of all signs)	200			10% of the Primary Facade and Secondary Facade window space respectively
Max number allowed	1, except 2 if permitted by Section 15.24.150	1 per Primary Facade and 1 per Secondary Facade	1 per Primary Facade and 1 per Secondary Facade		1 per Primary Facade and 1 per Secondary Facade			
Required minimum setback from right-of-way	10'			10'				
Required minimum setback from electrical transmission lines	10'	10'		10'	10'			
Max projection from building		6'						

## C. Lots Zoned RM.

	Ground Sign	Projecting Sign	Wall Sign	Temporary Sign	Roof Sign	Entrance Sign	Subdivision Sign	Window Sign
Max height	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited		Prohibited	8'	Prohibited	Prohibited
Max width								
Max sq. ft. of signable area				100 total (aggregate of all signs)		32		
Max number of signs						1 per entrance		
Required minimum setback from right-of-way						1'		
Required minimum setback from electrical transmission lines						10'		
Max projection from building								

## D. Lots Zoned C-1, C-2, and C-3. (Multiple businesses per lot or business subdivision)

	Ground Sign	Projecting Sign	Wall Sign	Temporary Sign	Roof Sign	Entrance Sign	Subdivision Sign	Window Sign
Max height	35' or 50' if within 500' of I-75			8'	10' above eave	8'	Prohibited	
Max width	15'	10'		8'	building width	8'		
Max sq. ft. of signable area	1 sq. ft. per Building Frontage foot up to 400 sq. ft.	50	15% per tenant space building wall frontage	32 total (aggregate of all signs)	15% per tenant space building wall frontage above which the sign is placed, with a maximum of 200	32		10% of the Primary Facade and Secondary Facade window space respectively
Max number allowed	1, except 2 if permitted by Section 15.24.150	1 per Primary Facade and 1 per Secondary Facade	3, provided that combined total sq. ft. does not exceed the maximum sq. ft. allowed		3, provided that combined total sq. ft. does not exceed the maximum sq. ft. allowed	1 per entrance		

	Ground Sign	Projecting Sign	Wall Sign	Temporary Sign	Roof Sign	Entrance Sign	Subdivision Sign	Window Sign
Required minimum setback from right-of-way	1'			1'		10'		
Required minimum setback from electrical transmission lines	10'	10'		10'	10'	10'		
Max projection from building		6'						

E. Lots Zoned C-1, C-2, and C-3. (Single business per lot)

	Ground Sign	Projecting Sign	Wall Sign	Temporary Sign	Roof Sign	Entrance Sign	Subdivision Sign	Window Sign
Max height	35' or 50' if within 500' of I-75			8'	10' above eave	Prohibited	Prohibited	
Max width	15'	10'		8'	building width			
Max sq. ft. of signable area	1 sq. ft. per Building Frontage foot up to 100 sq. ft.	50	15% per tenant space building wall frontage	32 total (aggregate of all signs)	15% per tenant space building wall frontage above which the sign is placed, with a maximum of 200			10% of the Primary Facade and Secondary Facade window space respectively
Max number allowed	1, except 2 if permitted by Section 15.24.150	1 per Primary Facade and 1 per Secondary Facade	3, provided that combined total sq. ft. does not exceed the maximum sq. ft. allowed		3, provided that combined total sq. ft. does not exceed the maximum sq. ft. allowed			
Required minimum setback from right-of-way	1'			1'				
Required minimum setback from electrical transmission lines	10'	10'		10'	10'			
Max projection from building		6'						

## F. Lots Zoned M-1 and M-2. (Multiple businesses per lot or business subdivision)

	Ground Sign	Projecting Sign	Wall Sign	Temporary Sign	Roof Sign	Entrance Sign	Subdivision Sign	Window Sign
Max height	15'			8'	10' above eave	8'	Prohibited	
Max width	15'	10'		8'	building width			
Max sq. ft. of signable area	1 sq. ft. per Building Frontage foot up to 300 sq. ft.	50	15% per tenant space building wall frontage	32 total (aggregate of all signs)	200	60		10% of the Facade window space
Max number allowed		1 per Primary Facade and 1 per Secondary Facade	3, provided that combined total sq. ft. does not exceed the maximum sq. ft. allowed		1 per Primary Facade and 1 per Secondary Facade	1 per entrance		
Required minimum setback from right-of-way	1'			1'		1'		
Required minimum setback from electrical transmission lines	10'	10'		10'	10'	10'		
Max projection from building		6'						

## G. Lots Zoned M-1 and M-2. (Single business per lot)

	Ground Sign	Projecting Sign	Wall Sign	Temporary Sign	Roof Sign	Entrance Sign	Subdivision Sign	Window Sign
Max height	15'			8'	10' above eave	Prohibited	Prohibited	
Max width	15'	10'		8'	building width			
Max sq. ft. of signable area	1 sq. ft. per Building Frontage foot up to 100 sq. ft.	50	15% per tenant space building wall frontage	32 total (aggregate of all signs)	15% per tenant space building wall frontage above which the sign is placed, with a maximum of 200			10% of the Facade window space

	Ground Sign	Projecting Sign	Wall Sign	Temporary Sign	Roof Sign	Entrance Sign	Subdivision Sign	Window Sign
Max number allowed	1, 2 if permitted per Section 15.24.150	1 per Primary Facade and 1 per Secondary Facade	3, provided that combined total sq. ft. does not exceed the maximum sq. ft. allowed		3, provided that combined total sq. ft. does not exceed the maximum sq. ft. allowed			
Required minimum setback from right-of-way	1'			1'				
Required minimum setback from electrical transmission lines	10'	10'		10'	10'			
Max projection from building		6'						

H. O-I. (Note: the city council may further reduce the amount of signage where necessary to avoid conflict with the architectural design or physical features of the building.)

	Ground Sign	Projecting Sign	Wall Sign	Temporary Sign	Roof Sign	Entrance Sign	Subdivision Sign	Window	Awning Sign
Max height	12'		wall height	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited		1'
Max width	4'		wall width						
Max sq. ft. of signable area									
Max sq. ft. of signable area Primary Facade	20 sq. ft.	10 sq. ft.	The lesser of 10% of the wall area or 200 sq. ft.					10% of the Facade window area	10% of awning space
Max sq. ft. of signable area Secondary Facade	20 sq. ft.	10 sq. ft.	The lesser of 10% of the wall area or 50 sq. ft.					10% of the Facade window	10% of awning space
Max number of signs*	2 per Primary Facade; 1 per Secondary Facade	2 per Primary Facade; 1 per Secondary Facade	1 per Primary Facade and 1 per Secondary Facade					1 per window	2
Required minimum setback from right-of-way	1'	1'							

	Ground Sign	Projecting Sign	Wall Sign	Temporary Sign	Roof Sign	Entrance Sign	Subdivision Sign	Window	Awning Sign
Required minimum setback from electrical transmission lines	6'	6'							
Max projection from building		lesser of 4 feet or 1/3 of the sidewalk width							

\* The total of all signs shall not exceed two signs of any allowed type for the primary facade and one sign of any allowed type for each secondary facade.

(Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

**15.24.090 Unsafe and unlawful signs Section 3-7-239 unsafe and unlawful signs.**

A. If the city council or its designated representative shall find that any sign regulated herein is unsafe or unstable, or is a menace to the public health or safety, or is abandoned, or is maintained in a dilapidated condition, or has been constructed or erected or is being maintained in violation of the provisions of this chapter, the city council or its designated representative shall notify the permittee, owner, or occupant of the property on which the sign is located by certified mail of such violation. Said notice shall include a brief and complete statement of the violations to be remedied. If the permittee, owner, or occupant of the property where the sign is located cannot be located, notice shall be effected by the city council or its designated representative affixing the notice to the sign or to the building on which the sign is erected.

B. If the permittee or property owner fails to remove or alter the structure so as to comply with the standards herein set forth within ten days after such notice, the permit for such sign shall be revoked and the permittee or property owner shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 15.24.130 of this chapter.

C. In any case in which a sign is an immediate threat to the physical safety of persons or adjoining property, the city council or its designated representative may cause such structure to be removed summarily and without notice and cause the cost of same to be placed as a lien on the property upon which the sign sits. (Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

**15.24.100 Nonconforming signs.**

A. The following provisions shall apply to signs which, on the effective date of this chapter, were approved and legally erected under previous sign restrictions and which became nonconforming with respect to the requirements of this chapter's restrictions:

1. The owner of the sign shall secure a permit for the continuation of the sign subject to the restrictions of this section. Application for such permit must be filed within ten days of the notice of nonconformance. There shall be no charge for this permit. Failure to apply for such permit within ten

days shall result in waiver of the protections afforded nonconforming signs by this section and the display of such sign shall be thereafter unlawful.

2. No change shall be made in the size of any nonconforming sign, nor shall any structural changes be made in such a sign unless the sign is brought into compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

3. Any nonconforming sign declared to be unsafe by the city council or its designated representative shall be removed or rendered safe and brought into compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

4. Except as provided in this chapter, any sign erected on any public property or right-of-way in violation of this chapter may be removed therefrom by duly authorized employees of the city or Henry County, and the responsible party may be cited for such violation.

B. Except when destroyed by fire or other Act of God, a nonconforming sign shall not be replaced by another nonconforming sign, except that the substitution or interchange of poster panels, painted boards or dismountable material on nonconforming signs shall be permitted.

C. Minor repairs and maintenance of nonconforming signs shall be permitted. However, no structural repairs or changes in the size or shape of the sign shall be permitted except to make the sign comply with the requirements of this chapter.

D. No change in shape, size or design shall be permitted on a nonconforming sign except to make the sign comply with all requirements of this chapter. (Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

#### **15.24.110 Prohibited signs.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to erect flashing signs, or aerial view signs in the city. (Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

#### **15.24.120 Exemptions.**

A. The following signs are exempt from the permitting requirements of this chapter; provided, however, that such signs shall be subject to all other provisions of this chapter:

1. Wall signs one square foot and smaller;
2. Stake signs;
3. Projecting signs five square feet and smaller;
4. Memorial signs or tablets, names of buildings, and dates of erection when cut into any masonry surface or when constructed of bronze or other incombustible materials.

B. The following signs are exempt from all provisions of this chapter:

1. Signs that are not visible from any public right-of-way or any adjacent property.
2. Temporary signs required to be posted by federal law, State law or by the Code of Ordinances of Locust Grove, Georgia.

3. Decals affixed to or signs painted on equipment, fuel pumps or other types of vending equipment used for dispensing retail products, provided that such decals or signs have a signable area not exceeding four square feet on any single piece of equipment. (Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

**15.24.130 Penalties.**

Any person found in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars per day. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or upon which a violation occurs or is permitted to continue. Any sign erected or maintained in violation of this chapter for more than thirty days shall also be subject to removal by the city at the owner's or permittee's expense. (Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

**15.24.140 Signs along interstate highways.**

A. This section shall apply to all interstate signs visible from I-75 and located within the following area: one thousand two hundred feet long beginning five hundred feet from the right-of-way of the interstate point where the pavement widens on the main traveled way to accommodate the longest entrance or exit ramp at every exit along I-75.

B. No new interstate sign shall be erected unless it is in compliance with the regulations of this section. Interstate signs must be constructed of durable materials, maintained in good condition, and not permitted to become dilapidated.

C. Non-Conforming Interstate Signs. Any legally erected interstate signs which would become non-conforming as a result of this ordinance may be allowed to remain until purchased by the Georgia Department of Transportation provided that the interstate sign meets the requirements of state laws and rules and regulations governing such interstate signs.

D. Appendix A. To aid in the greater understanding of the meaning of this section, a sketch is attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein by reference as "Appendix A" and said appendix is hereby made an integral part of this section.

E. New Interstate Signs. New interstate signs shall meet the following requirements:

1. The outside measurement of all new interstate signs shall be fourteen feet in height and forty eight feet in length, with or without trim, except that existing factory manufactured metal signs, now located within the twelve hundred foot zones set out previously and if holding a conforming state permit on December 7, 1982, are considered to be conforming with respect to size requirements until such time as the interstate sign is moved, enlarged, raised or otherwise physically altered with respect to dimensions or changes from its present configuration or sign type.

2. The total height of the interstate sign may not exceed seventy feet above the level of the surface of the pavement of the nearest lane of the main traveled way or seventy feet from the ground at the base of the structure to the tallest part of the structure, whichever is greater. Upon the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, no new permit applications shall be accepted for signs with the total height of the sign exceeding seventy feet above the level of the surface of the pavement of the nearest lane of the main traveled way or seventy feet from the ground at the base of the structure to the tallest part of the structure, whichever is greater. Permits for signs of this configuration, the applications for which were in effect prior to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, shall retain conforming status.

3. Extrusions beyond the face of the sign, excluding aprons, are prohibited.

4. Only one sign shall be allowed to face the same direction per location. This allows either a back to back sign or a "V" formation sign but prohibits two signs (side by side or stacked atop one another) facing the same direction.

5. Sign locations shall be no less than five hundred feet apart measuring from the two closest points.

6. Sign structures shall be no less than ten feet from any property or right-of-way line.
7. Three signs shall be allowed per quadrant of an interchange adjacent to the interstate. This will allow a maximum of twelve signs per interchange. These signs must be within an area zoned commercial or industrial as specified in state law.
8. No new interstate sign shall be allowed except within the corridor described in subsection A of this section. (Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

**15.24.150 Sign setbacks and restrictions.**

A. All signs shall be required to be located within the required front yard of a principal structure, and shall not be permitted to extend beyond the front property line into the street right-of-way. The location of signs shall not interfere with the view of a traffic signal or traffic vision.

B. When the charts in Section 15.24.080 make reference to this subsection, in order to erect a second sign a use must have frontage on two publicly dedicated streets with each street including a legal curb cut. In addition, there must be a minimum lot area of one acre to permit a second such sign to be erected. In those instances where one of the street frontages is on a street serving a residential subdivision, a second sign shall be prohibited. (Ord. 02-07.01C § 2)

APPENDIX A

