

- (o) *Wind device sign* means any flag, pennant, banner, streamer, balloon, inflatable device or similar type object made of cloth, canvas, nylon, plastic, or other flexible material, with or without a frame or other supporting structure, that moves, or is intended to move or blow with the wind.
- (p) *Vehicle sign* means any sign attached to or displayed on a vehicle.

Section 3: Prohibited signs.

It is unlawful for any person to erect, install, construct, display, maintain, reconstruct, place, locate, relocate, or make use of any of the following signs within the City or its Extraterritorial jurisdiction. A sign unlawfully placed may be summarily removed by the City.

- (a) Off-premise signs.
- (b) Signs placed, in, over and/or across any street or right-of-way, or any improvement located within any public street, sidewalk or right-of-way of the City, or on any property owned by the City.
- (c) Signs that contain or have attached thereto banners, posters, pennants, ribbons, streamers, strings of light bulbs, spinners, flash tags, or other similar devices.
- (d) Portable signs.
- (e) Bandit signs.
- (f) Signs located on a roof or otherwise attached to or painted on a building if it projects above the highest point on the building.
- (g) Signs, or any portion thereof, that are located on or project or extend over any public sidewalk, street, alley, or other public property.
- (h) Signs that are deteriorated, dilapidated, or unsafe.
- (i) Signs that contain statements, words, or pictures of an obscene, indecent, or immoral character as will offend public morals or decency.
- (j) Signs located or illuminated so that they obscure or interfere with the effectiveness of an official traffic sign, signal, or device, or obstruct or interfere with the view of approaching, emerging or intersecting traffic, or prevent any traveler on any street from obtaining a clear view of approaching vehicles.
- (k) Illuminated signs which are illuminated to such intensity or without proper shielding so as to constitute a hazard to the operation of motor vehicles upon a public street or substantially interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of residential property.
- (l) Wind device signs displayed for period exceeding ten (10) days.

(m) Signs that do not comply with this Ordinance or other ordinances of the City.

Section 4: Exceptions and exemptions.

A sign shall not be prohibited, and a permit is not required for the following categories of signs:

- (a) Off-premises signs which lawfully exist on the effective date of this Ordinance, although these signs must be registered with the Sign Administrator;
- (b) Signs erected by, or on property owned by, the federal, state, or a unit of local government, on or off-premise;
- (c) Traffic control devices that are erected and maintained to comply with the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices;
- (d) Signs required by law, including federal, state, or local law;
- (e) Signs that a property owner is required to post by law on property to warn of a danger or to prohibit access to the property;
- (f) Government signs erected or maintained pursuant to and in discharge of any governmental function; or otherwise required by law, ordinance, or governmental regulation; or located on property owned, leased, or under the control of any federal, state, or local government entity or subdivision thereof.
- (g) Utility and hazard signs marking utility or underground communication or transmission lines or pipes and hazards.
- (h) Private traffic control signs on private property that direct the movement of traffic, warn of obstacles or overhead clearances, or control parking, including entrance and exit signs.
- (i) Signs displayed on trucks, buses, trailers, or other vehicles that are being operated as motor vehicles, provided that the primary purpose of the vehicles is not for display of signs and provided that they are parked in areas appropriate to their use as vehicles, are in operable condition, and carry a current and valid license plate and state inspection tag. Vehicle signs shall conform to the following restrictions:
 - (1) Vehicular signs shall contain no flashing or moving elements.
 - (2) Vehicular signs shall not be attached to a vehicle so that the driver's vision is obstructed from any angle.
 - (3) Signs, lights and signals used by authorized emergency vehicles shall not be restricted.
- (j) Government sponsored historical and commemorative plaques, provided that such signs are less than fifteen square feet in total area.
- (k) Property identification signs erected at the entrance of acreage or residential property that identifies the property by name of the property or name of the owner, as in the case of farm or ranch identification signs.