

### **Section 25.01. Intent.**

The intent of this chapter is to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public by establishing standards for the design, size, number, location, illumination and maintenance of all signs and sign structures not located within a building. ~~These regulations are also designed to maintain and enhance the aesthetic environment of the community, to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety, and to minimize the possible effect of signs on nearby public and private property.~~

Signs, by their very nature, are intended to draw attention to the message being displayed and, thus, distract and draw attention. The Commission determines that such distractions represent substantial public safety risks.

The Commissions intentions and purposes in enacting these regulations are to permit signs compatible with their surroundings, prevent sign congestion and to create a comprehensive and balanced system of sign control that accommodates the need for a well-maintained, safe and attractive community, while at the same time recognizing its First Amendment obligation to permit commercial and non-commercial advertisements. The Commission finds that these regulations directly advance the stated purposes for these regulations and such regulations are narrowly tailored to serve the Commissions interests.

These regulations are not intended to, and do not restrict the content of sign messages and do not apply to signs located on public property including rights-of-way. The placement, regulation and enforcement of signs located on public land, including public rights-of-way, shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Georgia, Bibb County and the City of Macon.

(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)

### **Section 25.02. Supplemental definitions.**

[For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall be used:]

[1] *A-frame signs.* A ground sign constructed in such a manner as to form an "A" or tent like, hinged or not hinged at the top; each angular face held at an appropriate distance by a supporting member.

[1.1] *Ambient Light.* Surrounding or environmental light that is everywhere equally intense and no directionality, e.g. sunlight, streetlights, or light trespass from lighted signs, etc.

[1.2] *Animation.* Motion or action designed to create spontaneous or lifelike movement. (i.e. flickering of candles, waving of flags, bursts from fireworks, any other simulation of lifelike movement or qualities.)

[2] *Banners.* Any temporary hanging sign possessing characters, letters, illustrations or ornamentations applied to paper, plastic or fabric of any kind. This classification shall not include plastic or fabric signs which are permanently attached within a rigid frame which are intended to be used as a permanent sign. Flags shall not be considered banners for the purpose of these regulations.

[3] *Billboard.* Any sign greater than two hundred-ninety-nine (299) square feet in size.

[4] *Building frontage*. When used as a term regarding the calculation of sign area, building frontage shall mean that portion of the building where the main entrance is located.

[5] *Business*. When used as a term in this chapter, a business shall mean a commercial, wholesale, warehouse or industrial activity.

[5.4] *Dissolve*. A mode of message transition on an Electronic Graphic Display (EGD) sign accomplished by varying light intensity or pattern, where the first message gradually appears to dissipate and lose legibility simultaneously with the gradual appearance and legibility of the second message.

[5.5] *Electronic graphic display sign*. A sign or portion thereof that displays electronic static images, static graphics or static pictures, with or without information (text), defined by a small number of matrix elements using different combinations of light emitting diodes (LED), fiber optics, light bulbs or other illumination devices within the display area where the message change sequence is accomplished immediately or by means of fade, re-pixelization or dissolve modes. Electronic graphic display signs include computer programmable, microprocessor controlled electronic or digital displays. Electronic graphic display signs include projected images or messages with these characteristics onto buildings or other objects. All signs whose message is displayed by light emitting diodes (LED), fiber optics, or light bulbs, are considered EGD signs, even if they only contain text

[5.6] *Electronic Message Center*. An electronically activated sign whose message content, in whole or in part, contains only text and may be changed by means of electronic programming.

[5.7] *Fade*. A mode of message transition on an Electronic Graphic Display (EGD) sign accomplished by varying the light intensity, where the first message gradually reduces intensity to the point of not being legible and the subsequent message gradually increases intensity to the point of legibility.

[5.8] *Fixed Copy LED Sign*. A sign whose message consists of single color text, which is predominantly static but is capable of changing without altering the surface of the sign. Infrequent message changes are accomplished without scrolling, fading, dissolving. Such signs may not pulsate, flash, or contain any form of animation.

[6] *Flag*. Any fabric, banner, or bunting used to symbolize a government or political subdivision, including national flags, flags of political subdivisions and symbolic flags of any institution or business.

[6.3] *Frame*. A complete, static display screen on Electronic Graphic Display (EGD) sign.

[6.4] *Frame Effect*. A visual effect on an Electronic Graphic Display (EGD) sign applied to a single frame to attract the attention of viewers.

[7] *Freestanding sign*. Any sign that is supported by an independent structure placed on or anchored in the ground and not attached to any building or secondary structure.

[8] *Illuminated sign*. A sign lighted by or exposed to artificial lighting either by lights on or in the sign or directed toward the sign.

[8.2] *Luminance*. Measure of the brightness of a sign face. Measured by nits or candelas per square meter (cd/sq.m) See Section 25.02[9.2]

[8.3] *Message (pertaining to electronic signs)*. Text message, image, or combination thereof meant to be comprehended as a whole by the viewer. Each sentence or simple concept shall be deemed a separate message. A message can either be a static display or a display, which not fitting onto the screen all at once, is broken into parts that appear.

[9] *Monument sign*. Any freestanding sign which is opaque from the ground to the top of the sign structure for its entire width.

[9.2] *Nit*. A luminance unit equal to one (1) candela per square meter (cd/sq.m) See Section 25.02[8.2]

[9.3] *Off-site signs*. Any sign which advertises, promotes, endorses, encourages, advances, supports, sponsors, publicizes, and/or broadcasts a venture, enterprise, opportunity, undertaking, project, endeavor, goods, and/or services which is/are not located on the same property as the advertisement. All non-commercial ideas, opinions, and/or concerns are deemed located on the same premises as a sign advancing such speech; therefore, such speech does not fall within the definition of “off-site signs.”

[10] *Pennants and streamers*. A type of portable sign that is generally constructed of lightweight plastic, fabric or a similar material, that is mounted/tethered to a pole(s), building or other structure by a rope, wire, string or similar device, usually in series (i.e., more than one on a string), and that is designed to move in the wind (i.e., flutter) to attract attention. A pennant or streamer may or may not exhibit a text message or symbol of any kind, and may be a single color or several colors.

[10.1] *Pixel*. The basic unit of the composition of an image on an electronic sign.

[11] *Portable signs*. Any sign which because of its design or construction was originally intended to be transportable (moveable); including but not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of wheels, signs converted to A-frames or T-frames, menu and sandwich board signs; and signs attached to or painted on vehicles parked and visible from the public right-of-way unless vehicle is used in the normal day-to-day operations of the business. For the purpose of these regulations, a portable sign shall be considered a freestanding sign.

[12] *Projection/canopy sign*. Any sign affixed to a building, wall or canopy in such a manner that its leading edge is extended more than twenty-four (24) inches beyond the surface of the building or wall.

~~[13] *Reader board*. Any sign or portion thereof with characters, letters, or illustrations that can be mechanically or electronically changed or rearranged without altering the face of the surface.~~

[13] *Reader Board*. A sign or portion thereof that displays information in which each alphanumeric character, graphic or symbol is defined by objects, not consisting of an

illumination device and is changed or re-arranged manually with characters, letters, or illustrations without altering the face or the surface of the sign

[14] *Roof sign.* Any sign erected and constructed wholly on and over the roof of a building supported by roof structure and extending vertically above the highest portion of there of.

[14.2] *Scroll.* A mode of message transition on an Electronic Graphic Display (EGD) sign where the message appears to move vertically or horizontally across the display surface.

[15] *Sign.* Any structure for the purpose of identification, description or illustration; object or device; illuminated or not illuminated; which is visible from any public place or is located on private property and exposed to the public; or any emblem, painting, banner, pennant, placard or temporary sign designed to advertise, identify or convey information. Window displays and flags shall not be considered a sign for the purposes of these regulations.

[16] *Sign area.* The smallest square, rectangle, triangle, circle or combination thereof encompassing the entire area of the sign, excluding architectural trim and structural support. For the purpose of these regulations, the sign area shall include the aggregate of all letters, graphics and background area.

[17] *Sign height.* The height of a freestanding sign shall be the vertical distance measured from the undisturbed ground elevation where the sign is to be located to the highest point of said sign including any extended portion of the structure. This section does not govern the height of billboards which are subject to Section 25.08.

[18] *Sign structure.* Any structure which supports, has supports, has supported or is capable of supporting a sign, including decorative cover.

[18.1] *Subtle.* Not immediately obvious or comprehensible; difficult to detect.

[19] *Temporary sign.* Any sign that by its design and construction or is intended to be used only temporarily and is not permanently mounted or anchored.

[20] *Traffic control sign.* A sign usually erected and maintained by the city, county, or state that is erected pursuant to uniform regulations governing the erection and maintenance of signs, signals, markings, or other traffic-control devices on public roads of Georgia.

[20.1] *Transition.* The visual effect used on an Electronic Graphic Display (EGD) sign to change from one message to another.

[21] *Wall sign.* Any sign painted on, attached to or erected within twenty-four (24) inches and parallel to the exterior wall of any building or structure.

[22] *Window signs.* A sign painted (including decals or similar process) directly on the glass of a window which is intended to be viewed from the outside.

(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)

~~Section 25.03. General provisions.~~

~~All signs governed by these regulations, except as provided in Section 25.04, shall conform to the following standards:~~

~~[1] All provisions and regulations governing signs shall bind any applicant for a sign permit.~~

~~[2] No sign or sign structure shall be erected without a certificate of zoning compliance, a special zoning permit or certificate of appropriateness as may be required by these regulations.~~

~~[3] All signs shall be subject to the same side yard limitations imposed upon structures in the use district in which said signs are located, except billboards which shall be governed by Section 25.08.~~

~~[4] For the purpose of computing sign area, only one (1) side of a "V type" "cube type" or double faced sign shall be considered.~~

~~[5] All signs except billboards must be located on property on which a permit has been issued for a use of land or a structure, or on property containing a legal nonconforming use.~~

~~(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)~~

**Section 25.03 [3] Reserved.**

**Section 25.04. Exempt signs.**

The following signs shall be exempted from permit requirements:

[1] Any sign that is placed upon the inside windowpanes or glass of a commercial, manufacturing or industrial building and is visible from the exterior of the building.

[2] Any banner erected across public rights-of-way provided that such sign is erected with approval from the applicable city, county or government.

[3] Any banner meeting the requirements of Section 25.14[2].

[4] Any sign or notice posted, erected by, or at the direction of the city, county, state, or federal government.

[5] A flag.

[6] Temporary signs allowed where the property is for sale or under construction or signs located at the entrance or exit of residential subdivisions pursuant to the following chart:

TABLE INSET:

Zoning District	Property for Sale				Property Under Construction				Residential Subdivision		
	Front Yd. Set Back*	Max. Height	Max. No./ Lot	Max. Size	Front Yd. Set Back*	Max. Height	Max. No./ Lot	Max. Size	Front Yd. Set Back*	Max. Height	Max. No. Lot
Rural	2'	6'	3	5 sq.	2'	2 1/2'	2	4 sq.	2'	5'	1

Residential, Single Family, Historic Residential, and Planned Development Residential				ft.				ft.			
In 2-Family and Multi-Family Residential	2'	6'	3	20 sq. ft.	2'	2 1/2'	2	4 sq. ft.	2'	5'	1
All Commercial	2'	12'	3****	32 sq. ft.**	2'	12'	2	32 sq. ft.	*****	*****	***
All Industrial	2'	12'	3****	32 sq. ft.**	2'	12'	2	32 sq. ft.	*****	*****	***
PDE	2'	12'	3****	32 sq. ft.**	2'	12'	2	32 sq. ft.	*****	*****	***
Agricultural	2'	12'	3****	32 sq. ft.**	2'	12'	2	32 sq. ft.	*****	*****	***

NOTES:

\*Must meet side and rear yard set backs for zoning district.

\*\*For properties abutting Interstate Highways, maximum sign size shall be sixty-four (64) square feet: riders on the sign shall not be counted in sign size.

\*\*\*Tracts having multiple road frontages may have one (1) sign per three hundred (300) feet of road frontage.

\*\*\*\*Not allowed.

[7] Signs located on residential property where a single family dwelling or duplex is located, subject to the requirements in Tables 25.06.01, 25.06.02, 25.06.03, 25.06.04, 25.06.05, and 25.06.06.

[8] Signs erected by or on behalf of candidates for public office in the calendar year of any election or run-off election. (Added June 26, 2006, ZA06-06-03)

[9] Wall signs located on building located in historic or CBD zoning districts or on buildings listed or eligible to be listed on the Georgia Register of Historic Places,

provided such signs do not exceed two (2) square feet in size. (Added November 13, 2007, ZA07-11-02)  
(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)

### **Section 25.05. Prohibited signs.**

The following are not permitted, in any zoning district:

~~[1] Any sign or reader board that has visible movement achieved by electrical, mechanical, or non-mechanical means; and including repetitive, flashing, electrical pulsation. This provision excludes reader board signs that change copy via an electrical process and multiple message billboards provided under Section 25.08[3]. No sign shall contain red, green, blue, or orange copy or display that pulsates on, or crawls across the sign structure facing as defined in Section 1.02[96] herein. Amber copy shall be allowed as long as the peak wave length of color on any sign not be greater than six hundred twenty-two (622) nm nor less than five hundred seventy-seven (577) nm.~~

[1] Off-site signs, except billboard signs as may be allowed under the provisions of these sign regulations. (See e.g. Sections 25.05[11] and 25.08).

[2] Any sign painted on or attached to natural features such as trees, rocks, utility poles and fence posts.

[3] Any sign which by reason of its size, location, coloring or illumination impedes the vision of drivers, or obstructs or detracts from the visibility of any traffic control sign or device on public streets and roads.

[4] Any sign which obstructs free ingress or egress from a building, door, window, fire escape, or other exit way required by any government agency or code regulating public safety.

[5] Any sign that imitates traffic control signs or creates a safety risk to the traveling public.

[6] Any roof sign.

[7] Portable signs, except for A-frame signs in CBD-1.

[8] Pennants and streamers.

[9] String lights or any unshielded light that is within public view on property located in any Commercial, Manufacturing, or Planned Development District or on property in an agriculture district that is described in Section 6.03[15]; this section shall not apply to temporary holiday displays or decorations.

[10] Any window sign in any residential district.

[11] Prohibited billboards. The following shall be prohibited:

(a) Double-stacked or side by side signs;

(b) Wall, rooftop, or canopy signs;

- (c) Signs with flashing, intermittent or moving light except as provided in Section 25.08[4].
- (d) Billboards within one thousand (1,000) feet of the property line of a Historic Zoning District, national register historic district or any legally recognized historical site or monument;
- (e) Signs located on residential property in PDE Districts.

[12] Prohibited signs in a SC District. The following signs are prohibited in a SC District:

- (a) Changeable copy signs,
- (b) Temporary signs,
- (c) Billboards signs,
- (d) Banners, pennants, and streamers, and
- (e) Window signs.

(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)

**Section 25.06. Permitted use standards for selected signs.**

Except for billboards which are governed by Section 25.08, standards for selected permitted use signs shall be as identified in the Tables 25.06.01, 25.06.02, 25.06.03, 25.06.04, 25.06.05 and 25.06.06. The following shall also apply to signs regulated by this section:

[1] Except for billboards, no sign permit shall be issued until a permit for use of property or structure has been issued. The sign shall not be erected until use or construction has begun.

[2] When these regulations use lot frontage as a basis for determining sign area and a lot abuts more than one (1) public street, the property line having the longest dimension shall be used for calculating maximum aggregate sign area for such lot.

(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02; Amended October 22, 2007, ZA07-10-01)

**Section 25.07. Signs located at the entrance or exit of a shopping center, office park or warehouse park.**

A shopping center, office park or warehouse park may have a freestanding sign in addition those allowed for each individual business; such signs shall be allowed as a permitted use. Said signs may be permitted provided the use of land has previously been approved by the commission and the following requirements are met:

[1] The total aggregate sign area for all signs or panels shall not exceed three hundred twenty square feet (320);

[2] There shall be at least two (2) separate signs or panels on the freestanding structure;

[3] Only one (1) sign or panels may have a maximum size of two hundred (200) square feet and only one (1) sign structure may be allowed per street frontage;

[4] The sign structure shall meet the height requirements for the district in which such sign is located; and

[5] No other free standing sign may be allowed and only wall signs may be allowed for each business within the shopping center, office park or warehouse park. The sign size for such businesses may not exceed the requirements for "business-two (2) or more uses per property" for the district where the use is located.

TABLE INSET:

Table 25.06.01							
Standards for Selected Signs Excluding Billboards by Zoning District							
Permitted Use Signs in Residential Districts (excluding Historical and Planned Development Residential)						Permitted Use Signs	
Use	Location of Sign	Max. No. of Signs	Max. No. of Freestanding Signs[1]	Max. Size of Any Sign	Total Aggregate No. of Sq. Ft.	Location of Sign	Max. No. of Signs
Single-family residential property	Freestanding or wall	One	One	2 Sq. Ft.	2 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding or wall	One
Institutional uses, banks and places of assembly (business serving & community serving)	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Three	One	50 Sq. Ft.	50 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding, canopy or wall[2]	Three
Multi-family developments	Freestanding, canopy or wall	One	One	32 Sq. Ft.	32 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding, canopy or wall	One
Guest quarter enterprises	Freestanding, canopy or wall	One	One	8 Sq. Ft.	8 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding, canopy or wall	One
Professional offices in R-2 Residential Districts not located on arterial or collector	Wall	One	None	4 Sq. Ft. Wall	4 Sq. Ft.	N/A	None

streets							
Professional offices in R-3 Residential Districts or located on arterial or collector streets in R-2 Residential Districts	Wall or Freestanding	Two	One	4 Sq. Ft. Wall and 8 Sq. Ft. Freestanding	12 Sq. Ft.	N/A	N
Professional offices in all other districts excluding Residential and Historic Residential Districts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Same as for Business Sign	S fo B S
Business-- One use per property	Wall or freestanding	Two	One per property	4 Sq. Ft. Wall and 8 Sq. Ft. Freestanding	12 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding, canopy or wall	L B A M S
Business-- Two or more uses per property not in a shopping center[3]	Wall or Freestanding	One per business	One per property	4 Sq. Ft. Wall and 8 Sq. Ft. Freestanding	4 Sq. Ft. Wall sign per business plus 8 Sq. Ft. for Freestanding	Freestanding, canopy or wall	L B A M S
Business-- Two or more uses per property in a shopping center	N/A	N/A	None	N/A	N/A	Canopy or wall	L B A M S
Shopping center, office park, and warehouse park (See Section 25.07[3] for special	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Freestanding	O S F



Districts							
Professional offices in all other districts excluding Residential and Historic Residential Districts	Same as for Business Sign	Same as for Business Sign	One	Same as for Business Sign	Same as for Business Sign	Same as for Business Sign	Same as for Business Sign
Automobile Dealerships and used car lots[5]	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage	One per property for used car lots and one for each 250 feet of lot frontage for new car dealerships[5]	200 Sq. Ft.	2 Sq. Ft. per Linear Foot of Lot Frontage	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage
Business-- One use per property	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage	One	200 Sq. Ft.	2 Sq. Ft. per Linear Foot of Lot Frontage	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage
Business-- Two or more uses per property not in a shopping center[4]	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage	One per property	200 Sq. Ft.	2 Sq. Ft. per Linear Foot of lot Frontage[4]	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage
Business - Two or more uses per property in a shopping center	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage	none	200 Sq. Ft.	2 Sq. Ft. per Linear Foot of Bldg. Frontage	Canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage
Shopping center, office	Freestanding	One per Street	One	200 Sq. Ft.	320 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding	One per Street

park, and warehouse park (See Section 25.07[3] for special requirements)		Frontage					Front
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[1] One (1) freestanding sign may be allowed for each street frontage for double frontage lots; only one (1) freestanding sign per property. For the purposes of this regulation, a double frontage lot is a lot abutting public right-of-way.

[2] Certificate of appropriateness is required for all signs in these districts.

[3] Requirements for bank signs shall be the same as for business signs.

[4] When more than one business, not in a shopping center, shares the same frontage, then the sign area for each business shall be the percentage of total building frontage for each business by the total sign area allowed.

[5] When these regulations use lot frontage as a basis for determining the number of allowable signs and a lot frontage is not applicable, the property line having the longest dimension shall be used for calculating the number of freestanding signs for that lot.

(Amended November 13, 2007, Exh. A, ZA07-11-01)

TABLE INSET:

Table 25.06.03 Standards for Selected Signs Excluding Billboards by Zoning District						
	Permitted Use Signs in PDI, PDC and PDE Districts					Permitted Use Signs in S
Use	Location of Sign	Max. No. of Signs	Max. No. of Freestanding Signs[1]	Max. Size of Any Sign	Total Aggregate No. of Sq. Ft.	Location of Sign
Single-family residential property	Freestanding or wall	One	One	2 Sq. Ft.	2 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding or wall
Institutional uses, banks and places of assembly (business serving & community serving)	Freestanding, canopy or wall[2]	Three[2]	One[2]	50 Sq. Ft.[2]	50 Sq. Ft.[2]	Freestanding, canopy or wall[2]
Multi-family developments	Freestanding, canopy or	One	One	32 Sq. Ft.	32 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding, canopy or

	wall					wall
Guest quarter enterprises	Freestanding, canopy or wall	One	One	8 Sq. Ft.	8 Sq. Ft.	One
Professional offices in PDR and HR-3 Residential Districts	Wall	Two	One	4 Sq. Ft. Wall and 8 Sq. Ft. Freestanding	12 Sq. Ft.	N/A
Professional offices in all other districts excluding Planned Development and Historic Residential Districts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Same as for Business Sign
Automobile Dealerships and used car lots[4]	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage	One per property for used car lots and one for each 250 feet of lot frontage for new car dealerships[4]	200 Sq. Ft.	2 Sq. Ft. per Linear Foot of Lot Frontage	Freestanding, canopy or wall
Business - One use per property	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage	One	200 Sq. Ft.	2 Sq. Ft. per Linear Foot of Lot Frontage	Freestanding, canopy or wall
Business - Two or more uses per property not in a shopping center[3]	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage	One	200 Sq. Ft.	2 Sq. Ft. per Linear Foot of lot Frontage[3]	Freestanding, canopy or wall
Business - Two or more uses per property in a shopping center	canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage	None	200 Sq. Ft.	2 Sq. Ft. per Linear Foot of Bldg. Frontage	canopy or wall

Shopping center, office park, and warehouse (See Section 25.07[3] for special requirements)	Freestanding	One per Street Frontage	One	200 Sq. Ft.	320 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding
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[1] One (1) freestanding sign may be allowed for each street frontage for double frontage lots; only one (1) sign is allowed per property. For the purposes of this regulation, a double frontage lot is a lot abutting public right-of-way.

[2] Requirements for bank signs shall be the same as for business signs.

[3] When more than one business, not in a shopping center, shares the same frontage, then the sign area for each business shall be the percentage of total building frontage for each business by the total sign area allowed.

[4] When these regulations use lot frontage as a basis for determining the number of allowable signs and a lot line having the longest dimension shall be used for calculating the number of freestanding signs for such lot.

(Amended November 13, 2007, Exh. A, ZA07-11-01)

TABLE INSET:

Table 25.06.04							
Standards for Selected Signs Excluding Billboards by Zoning District							
	Permitted Use signs in HR-1, HR-2, HR-3, HC, HPD and PDR Districts[3]					Permitted Use Signs	
Use	Location of Sign	Max. No. of Signs	Max. No. of Freestanding Signs[1]	Max. Size of Any Sign	Total Aggregate No. of Sq. Ft.	Location of Sign	Max. No. of Signs
Single-family residential property	Freestanding or wall	One	One	2 Sq. Ft.	2 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding or wall	One
Institutional uses, banks and places of assembly (business serving & community serving)	Freestanding, canopy or wall[3]	Three[3]	One[3]	10 Sq. Ft.[3]	30 Sq. Ft.[3]	Freestanding, canopy or wall[3]	Three
Multi-family developments	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Three	One	10 Sq. Ft.	30 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding, canopy or wall	One

Guest quarter enterprises	Freestanding, canopy or wall	One	One	8 Sq. Ft.	8 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding, canopy or wall	One
Professional offices in PDR and HR-3 Residential Districts	Freestanding or wall	Two	One	4 Sq. Ft. Wall and 8 Sq. Ft. Freestanding	12 Sq. Ft.	N/A	N/A
Professional offices in all other districts excluding Planned Development and Historic Residential Districts	Same as for Business Sign	Same as for Business Sign	One	Same as for Business Sign	Same as for Business Sign	Same as for Business Sign	Same as for Business Sign
Business - One use per property	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage	One	16 Sq. Ft.	16 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage
Business - Two or more uses per property not in a shopping center[4]	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage	One per property	16 Sq. Ft.	16 Sq. Ft. per Business	Freestanding, canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage
Business - Two or more uses per property in a shopping center	Canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage	None	16 Sq. Ft.	16 Sq. Ft. per business	Canopy or wall	Limited By Aggregate Maximum Signage
Shopping center, office park, and warehouse (See Section 25.07[3] for special requirements)	Freestanding	One per Street Frontage	One	200 Sq. Ft.	320 Sq. Ft.	Freestanding	One per Street Frontage

[1] One (1) freestanding sign may be allowed for each street frontage for double frontage lots; only one (1) freestanding sign may be allowed for each street frontage for single frontage lots.

uses per property. For the purposes of this regulation, a double frontage lot is a lot abutting public right-of-way.

[2] Certificate of appropriateness is required for all signs in these districts.

[3] Requirements for bank signs shall be the same as for business signs.

[4] When more than one business, not in a shopping center, shares the same frontage, then the sign area for each business shall be the percentage of total building frontage for each business by the total sign area allowed.

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TABLE INSET:

Table 25.06.05							
Maximum Height of Signs Not Classified as Billboards by Zoning District							
Use	Maximum Height in Residential Districts (excluding Historical & Planned Development Residential)	Maximum Height in Agriculture, C-1, and C-5 Districts		Maximum Height in C-2 and C-4 Districts 1		Maximum Height in CBD-1 and CBD-2 Districts	
Single-family residential property	2 FT.	2 FT.		2 FT.		2 FT.	
Institutional uses, banks and places of assembly	5 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.	Two Lane Street	10 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.
		Three Lane Street	10 FT.	Three Lane Street	20 FT.	Three Lane Street	10 FT.
		Four or More Lanes	14 FT.	Four or More Lanes	35 FT.	Four or More Lanes	14 FT.
Multi-family developments and Guest Quarter enterprises	5 FT.	8 FT.		10 FT.		8 FT.	
Professional offices	5 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.	Two Lane Street	10 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.
		Three Lane Street	10 FT.	Three Lane Street	20 FT.	Three Lane Street	10 FT.

		Four or More Lanes	14 FT.	Four or More Lanes	35 FT.	Four or More Lanes	14 FT.
Business - One or more Uses Per Property	N/A	Two Lane Street	8 FT.	Two Lane Street	10 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.
		Three Lane Street	10 FT.	Three Lane Street	20 FT.	Three Lane Street	10 FT.
		Four or More Lanes	14 FT.	Four or More Lanes	35 FT.	Four or More Lanes	14 FT.
Shopping Center, Office Park, and Warehouse Park (See Section 25.07[3] for Special Requirements)	N/A	Two Lane Street	10 FT.	Two Lane Street	10 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.
		Three Lane Street	20 FT.	Three Lane Street	20 FT.	Three Lane Street	10 FT.
		Four or More Lanes	35 FT.	Four or More Lanes	35 FT.	Four or More Lanes	14 FT.

1 A free standing sign located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the midpoint of intersecting streets of an interstate interchange may be up to but no more than one hundred (100) feet in height. This standard does not apply to billboards.

TABLE INSET:

Table 25.06.06									
Maximum Height of Signs Not Classified as Billboards by Zoning District									
Use	Maximum Height PDR Districts	Maximum Height in PDC, PDI and PDE Districts		Maximum Height in M-1, M-2 and M-3 Districts		Maximum Height in HR-1, HR-2, HR-3, HC and HPD Districts		Maximum Height in SC Districts	
Single-family residential property	2 FT.	2 FT.		2 FT.		2 FT.		2 FT.	
Institutional uses, Banks and Places of	5 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.	Two Lane Street	10 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.

Assembly		Street							
		Three Lane Street	10 FT.	Three Lane Street	20 FT.	Three Lane Street	10 FT.	Three Lane Street	10 FT.
		Four or More Lanes	14 FT.	Four or More Lanes	35 FT.	Four or More Lanes	14 FT.	Four or More Lanes	14 FT.
Multi-family developments and Guest Quarter enterprises	5 FT.			8 FT.		10 FT.		8 FT.2	
Professional offices	5 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.	Two Lane Street	10 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.
		Three Lane Street	10 FT.	Three Lane Street	20 FT.	Three Lane Street	10 FT.	Three Lane Street	10 FT.
		Four lane or Greater Street	14 FT.	Four or More Lanes	35 FT.	Four or More Lanes	14 FT.	Four or More Lanes	14 FT.
Business - One or more Uses Per Property	5 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.	Two Lane Street	10 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.	Two Lane Street	8 FT.
		Three Lane Street	10 FT.	Three Lane Street	20 FT.	Three Lane Street	10 FT.	Three Lane Street	10 FT.
		Four lane or Greater Street	14 FT.	Four or More Lanes	35 FT.	Four or More Lanes	14 FT.	Four or More Lanes	14 FT.
Shopping	10 FT.	Two	10	Two	10	Two	10	Two	8

Center, Office Park, and Warehouse (See Section 25.07[3] for Special Requirements)	Lane Street	FT.	Lane Street	FT.	Lane Street	FT.	Lane Street	FT.
	Three Lane Street	20 FT.	Three Lane Street	20 FT.	Three Lane Street	20 FT.	Three Lane Street	10 FT.
	Four lane or Greater Street	35 FT.	Four or More Lanes	35 FT.	Four or More Lanes	35 FT.	Four or More Lanes	14 FT.

1 A free standing sign located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the midpoint of intersecting streets of an interstate interchange may be up to but no more than one hundred (100) feet in height. This standard does not apply to billboards. (Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)

**Section 25.08. Special requirements for permitted and conditional use billboards.**

[1] The following billboards shall be a permitted use in C2, C-4, M-1, M-2, and M-3 districts provided the following conditions are met:

(a) Billboards located adjacent to interstate highways I-475, I-75, I-16 and Eisenhower Parkway which do not exceed six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet in area and seventy (70) feet in height above the ground and are located at least two hundred (200) feet from the nearest residentially zoned property, excluding rights-of-way for streets and highways.

(b) Signs which do not exceed three hundred eighty-four (384) square feet in size and forty (40) feet in height above ground level if located at least one hundred (100) feet from the nearest residentially zoned property, excluding rights-of-way for streets and highways.

(c) Section 25.08[1](a) and (b) above may be multiple message billboards provided that any such sign shall not be located within five thousand (5,000) feet of another multiple message billboard. Such signs shall be allowed as a permitted use if they meet the requirements of Section 25.08[2.2]. In addition, for a multiple message billboards to be a permitted use under Section 25.08(a) and (b) above, it must be oriented towards an interstate highway or Eisenhower Parkway.

(d) Permitted use billboards may be a second freestanding sign.

(e) All applications for billboards shall be made in the name of the property owner and all permits for billboards shall be issued to the property owner.

[2] Except as provided for in Section 25.08[1], billboards shall be allowed only as a conditional use in C-2, C-4, M-1, M-2, M-3, PDC, PDI and PDE districts and may be a second freestanding sign, if an application for such sign is approved by the commission. All applications for billboards shall be made in the name of the property owner and all permits for billboards shall be issued to the property owner. The commission, in

determining whether to allow a billboard as a conditional use, shall be guided by the following criteria:

- (a) Whether the size of the site and the size and height of the sign are suitable, considering the relationship of the proposed sign to adjacent parcels of land and development patterns in the area;
- (b) The impact which the proposed sign may have on the view of significant features of the landscape as seen by motorists and adjacent property owners; the proposed location and setback of the sign on the site, and its aesthetic impact on surrounding properties;
- (c) The effect the proposed sign will have on traffic and highway safety;
- (d) Any accompanying or unique feature of the proposed sign, including plans for illumination and landscaping; and
- (e) Any other factor that is related to the suitability of the proposed sign for the proposed site, including any conditions or limitations offered by the applicant.
- (f) Any sign approved under this section shall not exceed six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet in area and seventy (70) feet in height above the ground.

[3] Spacing and setback requirements for all billboards:

- (a) Billboards shall not be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of another billboard on either side of the street, regardless of which direction the sign is viewed, as measured along the right-of-way from the nearest edge of the sign. Further, a billboard shall not be located within five hundred (500) feet of another billboard as measured by the radius around the billboard. Except as provided for elsewhere in this resolution, the maximum size of a billboard shall be six hundred seventy-two square feet (672) and seventy (70) feet in height above the ground.
- (b) If a billboard is within two hundred (200) of residentially zoned property, excluding rights-of-way for streets and highways, it shall meet the following requirements:
  - (i) Have a one hundred-foot setback from all residentially zoned property, excluding rights-of way for streets and highways;
  - (ii) Have maximum height of forty (40) feet above ground level; and
  - (iii) Be no larger than three hundred eighty-four (384) square feet.
- (c) No billboard shall be located within five hundred (500) feet in any direction of a public park, public playground, public recreation area, public forest, scenic area, or cemetery; provided, however, that such sign may be located within five hundred (500) feet of a public park, public playground, public recreation area, public forest, scenic area, or cemetery when the sign is separated by a building[s] or other obstructions so that the sign located with[in] the 500 (five hundred) foot zone is not visible from the public park, public playground, public recreation area, public forest, scenic area, or cemetery;
- (d) No billboard structure shall be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the property line of a historic zoning district, national register historic district or any legally recognized historical site or monument;

(e) Distances and sign heights, when required by these regulations, shall be established by a survey performed by a surveyor licensed in the State of Georgia. Said survey shall be provided at the time an application is made.

(f) Multiple message billboards shall not be placed within a five thousand-foot radius of another multiple message billboard.

[4] Multiple message billboards may be allowed as a conditional use for locations identified below:

(a) Signs located on property having direct frontage on interstate rights-of-way and oriented toward interstate right-of-way (i.e. I-16, I-75, and I-475) which are closer than two hundred (200) feet from residentially zoned property, excluding rights-of-way for streets and highways;

(b) Signs located on property having direct frontage on interstate rights-of-way but oriented toward an adjacent street or highway;

(c) Signs located on property that can be read by traveling public on interstate highways;

(d) Signs located on property fronting on and read from Eisenhower Parkway; or

(e) Signs located on property fronting a highway having a grass or raised median.

[5] Multiple message billboards above may be allowed on property described in Section 25.08[3] provided that the criteria listed in Section 25.08[1] and [2] are met to the satisfaction of the Commission and the following conditions are complied with:

(a) Each sign allowed under Section 25.08[3](a), (c), and (d) shall remain fixed at least six (6) seconds;

(b) Each sign allowed under Section 25.08[3](b), and (e) shall remain fixed at least twelve (12) seconds;

(c) When a message is changed, it shall be accomplished in three (3) seconds or less;

(d) All such signs shall only be freestanding signs located on monopoles;

(e) Maximum height for such signs shall be as provide for under Sections 25.08[1], [2] and [3];

(f) Maximum sign area limitations shall apply independently to each side of a multiple message billboard; and

(g) Multiple message billboards shall meet all of the requirements for billboards as set out in this Resolution and specifically, Sections 25.08[2], [3], [4] and [5].

[6] In addition to the spacing and setback standards provided elsewhere in this section, billboards shall meet all setbacks for front, side, and rear yards as required for principle buildings in the same zoning district.

(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02; Amended March 10, 2008, ZA08-03-01)

### **Section 25.09. Special requirements for projection/canopy signs.**

In addition to the requirements for each zoning district where the sign is to be located, the following shall apply to projection/canopy signs:

[1] No projection/canopy sign shall be less than ten (10) feet above the level of a sidewalk or other pedestrian way, nor shall it be less than sixteen (16) feet above the level of a driveway or other vehicular thoroughfare.

[2] Except for signs located in the CBD-1 District, projecting/canopy signs are not allowed over public property.

[3] No projection/canopy sign shall be greater than two hundred (200) square feet in size.

(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)

**~~Section 25.10. Special requirements for reader boards.~~**

~~In addition to the requirement of each zoning district the following shall apply to reader boards:~~

~~[1] Reader boards may change messages via an electronic process. No sign shall contain red, green, blue, or orange copy or display that pulsates on, or crawls across the sign structure facing as defined in Section 1.02[96] herein. Amber copy shall be allowed as long as the peak wave length of color on any sign not be greater than six hundred twenty-two (622) nm nor less than five hundred seventy seven (577) nm.~~

~~[2] Reader boards may be attached to the wall of a structure on the premises provided the requirements of Section 25.11 are met.~~

~~[3] Reader boards may be attached to a free standing sign on the premises.~~

~~[4] No reader board shall be greater than two hundred (200) square feet in size.~~

~~(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)~~

**Section 25.10 Standards for all Electronic Graphic Displays (EGD)**

[1] *Zoning Districts.* Electronic graphic display signs (EGD) signs shall be allowed as permitted uses in C-1,C-2, C-4, C-5, M-1, M-2, M-3, PDE- Non-residential uses, PDI, and PDC Districts.

Electronic graphic display signs (EGD) signs associated with a land-use that is a conditional use in Residential or Agricultural Districts shall be a conditional use in Residential and Agricultural Districts.

[2] *Area.* Signs permitted under this section shall be incorporated into a permanent freestanding sign and shall not exceed 25% of the sign's area or 50 square feet, whichever is more restrictive.

[3] *Message.* Electronic Graphic Displays (EGD) shall only contain messages, changed through subtle transitions such as fading, where the method of transition is not noticeable, or scrolling. Neither the background nor message shall include animation, as define in Section 25.02[1.2]. Scrolling is a continuous action and is therefore, not considered a transition and is not subject to Section 25.10[4].

[4] *Minimum Display Time.* When the message is changed via subtle transition, the message shall remain fixed for a minimum of 6 seconds, and message change shall occur in less than 2 seconds.

[5] *Location.* Electronic Graphic Display (EGD) signs are prohibited on a building or any structural or architectural element of a building. EGD signs located within a building shall be oriented to be viewed by patrons within the building. Except freestanding menu boards for restaurants with drive-through windows, signs permitted by Section 25.14 are prohibited from being an Electronic Graphic Display (EGD).

- (a) The outer edge of an EGD sign shall not be located within 500 feet of a structure with a residential use, or a Design Review District, excluding rights-of-way, as defined in section 27A.02 .
- (b) Any sign permitted under this section shall be located on an arterial or collector street or have frontage on an Interstate Highway. Placement of EGD signs must be adjacent to the arterial, collector, or Interstate Highway when property has frontage on multiple rights-of-way.
- (c) The outer edge of any EGD sign shall not be located closer than two (2) feet to a public right-of-way.
- (d) Sign location shall be reviewed by Traffic Engineer's office for public safety and traffic safety. A written recommendation and location release from Traffic Engineer's office is required prior to issuance of zoning permit.

[6] *Dimmer.* All EGD signs regulated by Section 25.10 shall be equipped with a photocell dimmer capable of achieving the requirements of Section 25.10 [9].

[7] *Default Mechanism.* All EGD signs shall be equipped with a properly functioning default mechanism that will stop the sign in one position should any malfunction occur.

[8] *Audio.* EGD signs are prohibited from the use of audio capabilities.

[9] *Brightness.* Electronic graphic display signs shall not exceed 5,000 nits during daylight hours. Brightness from dusk until dawn shall not exceed 500 nits. Photocell dimmers should be capable of changing the brightness based on ambient light due to weather conditions.

### **Section 25.11. Special requirements for wall signs.**

In addition to the requirements of each zoning district the following shall apply to wall signs:

[1] The total area of wall signs on the exterior front surface of a building shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the front surface of the building.

[2] The total area of wall signs on a side or rear surface of a building shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the exterior side or rear surface of the building, respectively.

~~[3] No wall sign shall be greater than two hundred (200) square feet in size.~~

(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)

[3] The source and design of the light or illumination emanating from a sign, including Electronic Graphic Displays or other devices shall be installed and/or shielded so that no light or illumination is angled or directed into a residential structure, or hinders the operation of motor vehicles.

### **Section 25.12. Special requirements for illuminated signs.**

[1] All signs shall conform to the electrical code requirements for the City of Macon and Bibb County.

[2] Only remote lights may illuminate signs in historic zoning districts and also no visible bulbs, neon tubing, luminous paints, or plastics shall be permitted as a part of any signs in said districts.

~~[3] Illumination devices shall be placed and shielded to prevent light from being cast directly into residential districts, or hindering the operation of motor vehicles.~~

[3] The source and design of the light or illumination emanating from a sign, including Electronic Graphic Displays or other devices shall be installed and/or shielded so that no light or illumination is angled or directed into a residential structure, or hinders the operation of motor vehicles.

[4] No revolving beam or beacon of light resembling any emergency vehicle light shall be permitted as part of a sign display.

[5] No sign shall be operated so as to create a flashing, change in light intensity, color or intermittent light impulses.

[6] Only remote source illumination shall be used on sign located within a residential district.

(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)

### **Section 25.13. Setbacks and vision clearance.**

[1] No sign shall be located closer than two (2) feet from the front property line.

[2] All other setbacks shall be as required in the district in which the sign is located.

[3] There shall be no sign, marquee, or other obstruction to vision permitted to protrude in the space between the heights of two and one-half (2 1/2) feet and ten (10) feet above ground level within twenty (20) feet of the intersection of the right-of-way lines of two (2) streets or railroad lines, of a street intersection with a railroad line, or of a curb cut with a street.

(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)

### **Section 25.14. Additional signage.**

In addition to the specific signs permitted in each zoning district, the following signs shall be allowed under the conditions noted for each type of sign:

[1] *Miscellaneous signs.* Additional miscellaneous signs are permitted for any multi-family, office, commercial, institutional or industrial uses if each sign complies with all of the following:

(a) Within the minimum front yard setback for principal buildings, signs may be located at entrance or exit driveways to the property. There shall be no more than two (2) such signs per driveway and each such sign shall not exceed eight (8) square feet in sign area nor be more than two and one-half (2 1/2) feet in height. For the purposes of these regulations, such signs shall not be considered freestanding signs but rather miscellaneous signs.

(b) Other miscellaneous signs may be allowed provided such signs shall be located farther from the street than the minimum required front yard setback for principal buildings; specifically

(i) In commercial and manufacturing districts, one (1) miscellaneous sign may be allowed for each principal building on the lot provided said sign does not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area or eight (8) feet in height;

(ii) In residential districts, one (1) sign per building may be located on a property developed for multi-family provided that each such sign is no more than six (6) square feet in sign area or more than four (4) feet in height; and

(iii) For drive through traffic establishments located in a commercial or manufacturing district, two (2) miscellaneous signs may be allowed for each drive through land provided that the aggregate sign area does not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet in area and eight (8) feet in height for each drive through lane. No more than four (4) signs shall be allowed. (Amended May 29, 2007, ZA07-05-02)

(c) Miscellaneous signs shall not count toward the maximum number of signs allowed in Tables 25.06.01, 25.06.02, 25.06.03, and 25.06.04 but the size of each miscellaneous sign shall count toward the total aggregate square footage allowed in Tables 25.06.01, 25.06.02, 25.06.03, and 25.06.04.

[2] Banners shall be governed by the following:

(a) Banner signs do not require a sign permit.

(b) Banner signs shall:

(i) Only be allowed on front walls, and shall not extend above the front wall.

(ii) Not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area;

(iii) Not be attached to, or between telephones poles, fences, fence poles, utility poles, public or private light poles, trees, vehicles, or any other apparatus other than a building wall;

(iv) Not be placed on the roof of any building;

(v) Be maintained in a neat and attractive condition; and

(vi) Be permitted in C-1, C-2, CBD-1, CBD-2, C-4, C-5, M-1, M-2, M-3, PDC, PDI, and PDE zoning districts and on buildings containing an institutional use.

(c) Only one (1) banner is permitted per establishment.

(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)

### **Section 25.15. Master signage plan.**

No permit shall be issued for a sign located in a planned development district, which was created after January 10, 2006, unless and until the commission has approved a master signage plan.

[1] A master signage plan shall contain:

- (a) An accurate site plan at a scale the zoning enforcement officer may reasonably require;
- (b) Computation of maximum sign area, maximum size of individual signs, height of signs and location of freestanding signs;
- (c) An accurate location of each sign on the site plan and/or facade of proposed buildings; and
- (d) The color scheme, lettering or graphic style, lighting and materials.

[2] The master signage plan may contain such other restrictions as the commission determines to be necessary to enhance the visual environment and public safety.

[3] The master signage plan may be amended by the applicant after review and approval by the commission of the proposed amended changes.

[4] No sign shall be erected, placed, painted or maintained except in conformance with the plan.

(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)

#### **Section 25.16. Maintenance and removal of signs.**

[1] Any sign or sign structure (except billboards) which is located on property which becomes vacant and unoccupied for a period of twelve (12) months or more, or any sign which pertains to an event or purpose which no longer applies, shall be deemed to have been abandoned. Such signs or sign structure shall be taken down and removed within thirty (30) days of the receipt of notice by the zoning enforcement officer to the owner, agent or person having a beneficial use of the building, structure or land upon which such sign is located. The commission may extend said twelve-month period.

[2] Signs existing on the effective date of this resolution may continue in existence so long as they are properly maintained and kept in good repair, except as provided for in Section 25.16[3]. In any case, any sign that is not so maintained, the planning and zoning commission shall give written notice to the person, firm or corporation responsible for the sign to correct the specified maintenance problems. If the designated corrective action is not taken within thirty (30) days from the mailing of such notice, the planning and zoning commission shall order the responsible firm or corporation to remove the sign.

[3] For signs not otherwise regulated by Georgia Law, any legally established nonconforming sign or sign structure existing prior to January 10, 2006 shall be permitted without alteration in size or location, provided that the requirements of Section 24.06 of this resolution are met. After January 10, 2006, all nonconforming signs or sign structures shall be replaced with conforming signs or sign structures when there is a change in use for the property on which said nonconforming sign or sign structure is located. Nothing herein shall prevent the maintenance or repairing of legally established nonconforming signs.

[4] Nonconforming billboards, which must be or were removed because of road widening, other public improvement or destruction by an act of God, may be relocated on the parcel of property so long as the size, height and type of sign are an exact replica of the sign removed or destroyed. If the nonconforming billboard is removed by the owner of the property or the owner of the sign at his or her own will, said sign, if replaced, must be replaced in compliance with these regulations.

[5] Any legal nonconforming banner, streamer or pennant for which the commission has granted a permit shall be removed by January 10, 2006. All others not conforming to these regulations must be removed upon notice by the zoning enforcement officer.

[6] Multiple message billboards shall be properly maintained and kept in good repair. Any such sign shall contain a default design that will freeze the sign in one (1) position if a malfunction occurs.

(Added January 9, 2006, ZA06-01-02)

## **Chapter 27 ZONING ADMINISTRATION**

### **Section 27.07. Application for and granting of special zoning permits.**

~~[3] *Action by the Commission.* The commission shall approve or disapprove the application for conditional use within forty five (45) days, or defer same in accordance with the forty five (45) day provisions of Section 27.12[10]. If the application is approved, the zoning enforcement officer shall have fifteen (15) days in which to issue a special zoning permit provided that the application is complete and all other conditions of approval have been met by the applicant.~~

[3] *Action by the Commission for Application for Conditional Use.* The Commission shall approve or disapprove the application for conditional use, except for signs, within forty-five (45) days, or defer same in accordance with the forty-five (45) day provisions of Section 27.12 [10]. If the application is approved, the zoning enforcement officer shall have fifteen (15) days in which to issue a special zoning permit provided that the application is complete and all other conditions of approval have been met by the applicant.

For applications for a conditional use for a sign permit, final action must be taken by the Commission at the next regularly scheduled hearing following submission to the Commission pursuant to Section 27.07 [1]. If the application is approved, the zoning enforcement officer shall have five (5) days in which to issue a special zoning permit provided that the application is complete and all other conditions of approval have been met by the applicant.

### **Section 27.11. Variances.**

[5] Variances for a sign shall be governed by the provisions of Section 27.07 [3].