



MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Mark Donaldson, Executive Director

DATE: September 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Amendments to the City of Knoxville Zoning Ordinance definitions and sign regulations.
10-B-13-OA

REQUEST

A task force created by City Council to consider changes to the sign regulations in the City of Knoxville zoning ordinance has requested that MPC consider proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance and make a recommendation to City Council.

BACKGROUND

In October 2012 MPC made a recommendation to City Council regarding a reduction in the maximum allowed sign heights found in Article V, Section 10 (Signs), of the zoning ordinance. At that time, MPC made a recommendation to consider a mix of maximum heights depending on the functional classification of adjacent roads, ranging from 50 feet (the current maximum height) for signs near the interchanges of the interstate highway system, down to a maximum height of 20 feet for signs that were not adjacent to the interstate highway system or highways that are a part of the federal highway system. Council subsequently passed on first reading an ordinance reducing the maximum height for signs, but prior to considering the ordinance on second reading created a sign code task force to study the sign regulations and make recommendations.

After nearly two years of study and several public meetings, MPC staff drafted regulations for the task force to replace Article V, Section 10, in its entirety. At its latest meeting the task force voted to send a version of the ordinance to MPC for its consideration. This version is shown as Exhibit E.

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO TASK FORCE VERSION

There are numerous tweaks made to the version of the sign regulations forwarded to the planning commission by the task force, most dealing with definitions in an effort to improve clarity and consistency. There are three significant proposed changes to dimensional requirements:

- Along Scenic Highways. The introduction of dimensional standards is proposed for detached signs on properties adjacent to roads included within the Scenic Highway System. The current dimensional standards are now equal to or greater than the proposed maximum height and area standards for commercial and industrial zone districts. The task force discussed this concept but ultimately did not address it. The city should consider detached sign standards that contribute to the concept of a scenic highway. State law provides for a 100 square foot maximum sign area outside of cities. This standard should be considered for the city. In addition, shorter signs along scenic roads would
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minimize the distraction of signs in relation to the scenic qualities of the road. For detached signs on property adjacent to a scenic highway, a maximum height of 10 feet and a maximum sign area of 100 square feet.

- In office zone districts. The task force discussed, but did not resolve, an issue related to alternative dimensional standards for detached signs in office zone districts that are along major arterial roads. There are pros and cons to providing an exception to the general dimensional standards of a maximum height of 6 feet and maximum sign area of 36 square feet for detached signs. Along major arterial roads, the dominant zone districts are commercial, which allow much larger signs. Several recent requests to change zoning from office to commercial have been for the stated reason of allowing a larger sign. It is not always desirable to broaden the list of allowed land uses simply to allow a larger, often more appropriately sized, sign along a major arterial road. The proposed dimensional standards of a maximum height of 10 feet and a maximum sign area of 100 square feet (the same as proposed for scenic highways) offer a bridge between the general office standards and the general standards for detached signs in commercial districts, which are proposed to be 30 feet in height and 195 square feet in sign area.
- Sight triangles. An element introduced in the proposed amendments is the concept of keeping detached signs out of the sight triangles created at intersections of roads and commercial driveways for safety purposes. This regulation is found in sign codes of some cities. The task force discussed but did not fully resolve a position on this issue. There are two places to measure a sight triangle: along the edge of the street right-of-way or along the edge of the pavement. These two methods can create dramatically different effects, with the measurement along the street right of way creating a larger area. It is proposed that at the intersection of two public streets the sight triangle is measured along the edge of the street right-of-way, but at the intersection of a street and a commercial driveway the measurement take place at the edge of pavement, which the provision that the sign setback required at the street must also be provided. This will allow signs to be located closer to driveways than the streets.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

Format

Current. The current format of Article V, Section 10 (Sign Regulations) has a single section of general standards, followed by sections for each type of zone district, followed by several specific issue sections. As new regulations have been adopted, they often are simply added to the end of the general regulations section and the resulting format has become hard to follow. In other instances, such as electronic message centers, regulations are repeated in several of the zoning sections.

Proposed. A reorganization of the existing regulations is proposed. The proposed format more closely follows the format followed by many cities and model sign ordinances. The reorganization should make the regulations more accessible to users.

Definitions

Many new definitions have been created and several have been replaced with definitions similar to those recently adopted for the Cumberland Avenue form district:

- Definitions changed to be similar to those in the Cumberland Avenue form district include awning sign, canopy sign, projecting sign, shingle sign, sidewalk sign and wall sign.
- New definitions include awning, canopy, sight triangle, internal sign illumination, external sign illumination, abandoned sign, attached sign, bulletin board, changeable price sign, detached sign, identification sign, memorial sign, menu board, nameplate, off-premise sign and on-premise sign.

Criteria for Measurement

Current. The current format has criteria of measurement scattered throughout the regulations.

Proposed. A section devoted to criteria for measurement is proposed. A significant change is the manner in which sign height is measured. Added are criteria for determining area of primary building elevation, which is used to determine the maximum allowed attached sign area on a building, criteria for measuring sign setbacks and to include gas pump canopy in the primary building elevation.

Detached Sign Height in Commercial and Industrial Districts

Current. Currently, the regulations allow a maximum sign height of 50 feet in all commercial and industrial zone districts regardless of location, including C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) and C-7 (Pedestrian Commercial); except that signs within 500 feet of an interstate highway may be sized according to the pavement surface of the interstate and for properties near any road designated as a scenic highway or parkway detached signs are limited to 35 feet.

Proposed. It is proposed to significantly lower the maximum sign height and to have different sign heights depending on location. The new criteria for measurement eliminates one of the most cited reasons for allowing taller signs – ground levels that are below the level of the adjacent roadway. A new general maximum height that differentiates according to location is proposed:

- Generally, a maximum sign height of 30 feet is proposed; except
 - Near an interstate interchange - a maximum height of 40 feet; and
 - Along scenic highways and parkways - a maximum height of 10 feet.
- A secondary detached sign on a second street frontage must be a monument sign no greater than 6 feet in height and 36 sq. ft. in area.
- Secondary detached signs are allowed with the same dimensions as primary detached signs for properties adjacent to the interstate or other properties that are within 100 feet of the interstate.

Detached Sign Area in Commercial and Industrial Districts

Current. Currently, the regulations allow a total sign area that is generally dependent on the length of street frontage for each property with different multipliers for different zone districts and a variety of maximum sign areas for individual signs.

Zone District(s)	Sq. Ft. of total sign area allowed per lineal foot of street frontage	Maximum sign area for each individual detached sign
C-7	1.0	50 sf
C-1	1.5	195 sf
C-4, C-5	2.0	275 sf, 400 sf near interstate ROW
C-2, C-3	3.0	275 sf, 400 sf near interstate ROW
C-6	None	275 sf, 300 sf on lots greater than 6 acres
I-1, I-2	2.0	None
I-3, I-4	3.0	None

Proposed. Generally, a maximum sign area for detached signs of 195 square feet is proposed, with three exceptions:

- In the C-1 and C-7 districts, a maximum detached sign area of 50 sq. ft.;
- Along scenic highways and parkways, a maximum detached sign area of 100 sq. ft.; and
- Near interstate interchanges, a maximum detached sign area of 220 sq. ft.

Attached Sign Area in Commercial and Industrial Districts

Current. Currently, the formulae described above calculate the total sign area allowed on each lot or parcel. Within that total there is no limit as to what can be attached to a building and no limit on the size of any attached sign.

Proposed. The total area of attached signs is proposed at no more than 10 percent of the wall area of the primary building elevation and the signs may be distributed on any elevation.

Signs in the Office Districts

Current. Currently in the O-1 and O-2 districts, a wall sign is limited to a maximum size of 2 square feet and only one sign is allowed per tenant. In addition, a detached sign is limited to a monument sign with maximum sign height of 6 feet and sign area of 36 sq. ft. These are the zone districts in which medical facilities, banking facilities and office buildings are located, many of which are of significant size.

Proposed. Significantly greater and more flexible sign allowances are proposed for the office districts:

- Attached sign are allowed to a maximum of 5 percent of the primary building elevation, with a maximum sign area of 24 sq. ft. for any individual sign.
- Detached signs are limited to the current type and dimensions, except that a monument sign up to 10 feet in height and 100 square feet in area is proposed for office districts located on major arterial roads.

Signs along Scenic Highways

Current. Currently, detached signs along scenic highways and parkways and within 2,000 feet of scenic highways and parkways are limited to 35 feet in height and 195 square feet in sign area. These dimensions are greater than or equal to the proposed general standards for all signs in the city.

Proposed. It is proposed to significantly reduce the dimensions of detached signs for properties located on a scenic highway or parkway to a maximum height of 10 feet and a maximum sign area of 100 square feet. 100 square feet is the maximum size for detached signs allowed outside of cities according to the Tennessee Scenic Highway System Act at TCA 54-17-108 and 54-17-109.

Setbacks

Current. Currently there is a 10 foot setback from street right-of-way, or 15 feet from edge of pavement, whichever is greater, for all detached signs, but there is an exception that allows a detached sign that is at least 10 feet above the ground to be located closer to the road within the setback area.

Proposed. It is proposed to eliminate the exception, so that the entire sign must honor the established 10 foot setback from street right-of-way or 15 foot setback from edge of pavement.

Sight Triangles

Current. Currently, the sight triangle, that space at intersections to be kept free of visual clutter for safety purposes, is regulated only for project directional signs through the master sign plan approval process. The sight triangle is not defined, nor are there any dimensions mentioned.

Proposed. It is proposed to create a definition for the sight triangle, specify dimensions and prohibit the placement of detached signs within the area defined as a sight triangle as follows:

- For intersections of two public streets, a sight triangle with legs of 25 feet as measured along the property line; and
- For intersections of public streets and commercial driveway connections, a sight triangle with legs of 25 feet as measured along the edge of pavement, provided that the setback from a public street must also be provided.

Temporary Signs

Current. Currently, temporary signs have regulations regarding the number, size, location and length of use.

Proposed. As proposed, the size of general temporary signs is reduced and frequency of use is changed to allow temporary signs more often but for shorter periods of time. In addition, many types of temporary signs are specifically exempted from the regulations or from requiring a permit.

Window Signs

Current. Currently the definition and regulations for window signs apply only to some zone districts that require design guidelines.

Proposed. It is proposed that the regulations for window signs apply to all zone districts in a manner similar to several other cities.

Abandoned Signs

Current. Currently, abandoned signs are not specifically defined, but there is a provision that calls for removal 60 days after notification by the building official.

Proposed. It is proposed to add a definition and specify a more definitive process for removal of abandoned signs which results in a property owner being able to keep a properly maintained abandoned sign structure for well more than a year after the sign becomes abandoned.

ANALYSIS

As mentioned above, MPC has already forwarded to City Council a recommended format for amending just the maximum sign heights for ground signs and City Council passed on first reading an amended version of the MPC recommendation. City Council may desire to reconsider this action. The task force took on the significant effort to improve the entire set of sign regulations and this work should be respected. Simply changing the format of Article V, Section 10 is a major achievement.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Staff has prepared three amendments to three distinct sections of the zoning ordinance:

- It is proposed to relocate the definitions related to signs from Article II to the sign regulations found at Article V, Section 10;
- It is proposed to relocate the sign regulations for the TC-1 (Town Center) zone district from Article IV to Article V, Section 10 and consolidate the sign regulations with those of the TND-1 (Traditional Neighborhood Development) zone district; and
- It is proposed to replace in its entirety the sign regulations found at Article V, Section 10.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the planning commission recommend that City Council amend the City of Knoxville zoning ordinance as shown in Exhibits A, B, and C.

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A - Proposed deletions from Article II, Definitions
- Exhibit B - Proposed deletions from Article IV, TC-1 sign regulations
- Exhibit C - Proposed Article V, Section 10, Sign Regulations, Staff Recommendation
- Exhibit D - Side by side comparison of current and proposed regulations
- Exhibit E - Proposed regulations, as forwarded by Task Force
- Exhibit F - Summary of current and proposed definitions
- Exhibit G - Issue summaries

ARTICLE II Definitions

The following definitions will be deleted from Article II and included in the amendment of Article V, Section 10, Sign Regulations:

Advertising - Any writing, printing, painting, display, emblem, drawing, sign, or other device designed, used or intended for advertising, whether placed on the ground, rocks, trees, tree-stump, or other natural structures or on a building, structure, milestone, signboard, billboard, wallboard, roofboard, frame, support, fence, or other manmade structure, and any such advertising is a structure within the meaning of the word "structure" as used in this ordinance.

Advertising sign or structure - See Sign.

Development directory sign – See listing under “Sign, Billboard, or Other Advertising Device.”

Illumination, direct - Illumination by an artificial light source installed on, or transmitted through, a sign surface.

Illumination, indirect - Illumination by reflected light intentionally directed upon a sign surface, or silhouettes of letters or symbols placed before a background of reflected light.

Master signage plan – A site plan and associated text and illustrations submitted to the Metropolitan Planning Commission for consideration for approval of a sign system for a proposed or existing development.

Project directional sign – See listing at “Sign, Billboard, or Other Advertising Device.”

Sign, billboard, or other advertising device - Any structure or part thereof or device attached thereto or represented thereon, which shall display or include any letter, words, model, banner, flag, pennant, insignia or representation used as, or which is in the nature of an announcement, direction or advertisement. The word "sign" includes the word "billboard" or any other type of advertising device, but does not include the flag, pennant, or insignia of any nation, state, city or other political unit. Types of signs are defined in the following categories.

Advertising sign - A sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered elsewhere than on the premises and only incidentally on the premises if at all.

Arcade and hanging signs - A covered sign which hangs from a porch roof, awning, colonnade or similar feature whose surface area is not to exceed over six square feet.

Awning and canopy signs - A sign that is printed or sewn onto durable material and hung over doorways and storefronts that provide shelter and shade for pedestrians, which shall be limited to street level businesses.

Billboard - A type of advertising sign having more than one hundred square feet of display surface which is either erected on the ground or attached to or supported by a building or structure.

Business sign - A sign which directs attention to the business or profession conducted on the premises. A "for sale", "to let" or "information" sign shall be deemed a business sign.

Changeable letter reader board sign - A sign on which message copy is changed manually through the utilization of attachable letters, numbers, symbols and other similar character of changeable pictorial panes.

Column signs - A sign which is supported by and integrated with columns (or posts), appropriate in scale and material to its related building (see illustration).

Column Sign Example

Development directory sign - A business ground or monument sign identifying a shopping center, office park, commercial subdivision, or similar mixed use or commercial development, and listing individual businesses or tenants within the unified development, including businesses not located on the lot on which the sign is located. A development directory sign is not classified as an advertising sign.

Directional Sign – A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to guide vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic on a lot or parcel by using such words as “Entrance”, “Exit”, “Parking”, “One-Way”, or similar directives, but not including any advertising message. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign.

Directory Sign, On-Site – A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to identify specific businesses, offices, tenants or other uses of a lot or parcel, but not including any advertising message. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign

Electronic message center sign- A sign which uses a bank of lights that can be individually lit to form copy such as words, letters, logos, figures, symbols, illustrations, or patterns to form a message without altering the sign face.

Erect – When used in connection with signs shall mean to build, construct, attach, hand, place, suspend, or affix and shall also include the painting of wall signs.

Ground sign - A sign supported by a pole, uprights, or braces on the ground.

Historic Sign - An existing, nonconforming, historically significant sign that contributes to the historical or cultural character of the community at large which has been removed from its original location within the City of Knoxville and is to be reused and relocated to a different location on its original site or relocated to another location within the community.

Incidental Sign - A sign, generally directional or informational, that has a purpose secondary to the use of the lot on which it is located, such as "no parking", "entrance", "loading only", "office", "gymnasium", and other similar directives. No sign with an advertising message other than a name or logo of a business, use or place shall be considered incidental.

Information Sign – A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to convey information or instructions, but not including any advertising message, for the safety and convenient use of a lot or parcel. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign.

Landmark Sign - An existing, nonconforming, on-premise sign, which exhibits unique characteristics, enhances the streetscape or identity of a neighborhood and contributes to the historical or cultural character of the streetscape or the community at large.

Marquee sign - A projecting sign attached to or hung from a marquee and said marquee shall be known to mean a canopy or covered structure projecting from and supported by a building, when such canopy or covered structure extends beyond the building, building line, or property line.

Master signage plan – A site plan and associated text and illustrations submitted to the Metropolitan Planning Commission for consideration for approval of a sign system for a proposed or existing development.

Monument sign - A sign which is supported by and integrated with a solid base, as opposed to poles, posts, or other such supports (see illustration).

Monument Sign Examples

Pole sign or banjo sign - A type of ground sign at least ten feet above the ground supported on a single post or pole, most commonly associated with gasoline service stations.

Portable sign - All moveable or portable advertising or business signs mounted upon trailers or other structure(s) or device(s) designed to be transported with only incidental parking and assembling for reuse.

Project directional sign – A ground or monument sign used to direct traffic from a collector or arterial street (as designated in the *Major Road Plan for Knoxville – Knox County, Tennessee*) to businesses located on lower classification streets within the same unified development. A project directional sign is not classified as an advertising sign.

Projecting sign - A sign which is attached to the face or outside wall of a building which projects out at an angle therefrom and projects more than twelve inches beyond the face of such wall.

Roof sign - A sign that is mounted on the roof of a building or which is wholly dependent upon a building roof for support.

Shingle sign - A projection of a wall sign not over six square feet in area, and projecting not more than two feet over public property.

Temporary sign - Temporary signs shall include any sign, banner, pennant, valance, or advertising display constructed of wood, metal, cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard, or other light material, with or without frames, where either by reason of construction or purpose the sign is intended to be displayed for a short period of time only.

Wall or flat sign - Any sign erected parallel to the face, or on the outside wall, of any building and supported throughout its entire length by such wall where the edges of the sign do not project more than twelve inches therefrom.

Window signs - Any sign placed within a window facing the street or thoroughfare, and may be composed of applied letters, symbols, neon or similar lighting. This window sign provision shall apply to zoning districts which have design guidelines such as Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND-1) and Historic Overlay (H-1) Districts.

Deleted language **Added language**

ARTICLE IV, Section 3.12 TC-1 Town Center District

K. Signs. **As regulated in Article V, Section 10.**

~~1. Approval of a master signage plan is required at the time of development plan approval. After approval of a master signage plan by the planning commission, the MPC staff may approve minor changes to the signage plan administratively. For the purpose of these regulations, minor changes include:~~

- ~~a. An increase in the size of any sign by up to ten (10) percent, provided this does not exceed the maximum sizes permitted below.~~
- ~~b. Changing the text, message, design or material of any sign shall not require approval by MPC or MPC staff, providing that the sign is consistent with the standards contained in the master signage plan.~~

~~2. Types of signs permitted, subject to approval of master signage plan:~~

- ~~a. Monument signs: Surface area not to exceed twenty (20) square feet on lots with a frontage of one hundred (100) feet or less and thirty (30) square feet on other lots within the district. Monument signs that are used at entrances to identify the overall district may be up to one hundred (100) square feet.~~
- ~~b. Shingle signs: Surface area not to exceed twelve (12) square feet on lots with a frontage of one hundred (100) feet or less and eighteen (18) square feet on other lots within the district. Height shall not exceed six (6) feet.~~
- ~~c. Directional signs.~~
- ~~d. Wall signs including projected and face mounted signs.~~
- ~~e. Window signs, not exceeding ten (10) percent of that window space.~~

~~3. Advertising signs, billboards, and ground signs, with the exception of monument signs, are prohibited.~~

A. PURPOSE AND INTENT

1. The purpose of this section is to create a legal framework for a comprehensive and balanced system of sign regulation that will:
 - a. Implement the plans, policies, goals and objectives of the City;
 - b. Protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and businesses of the City;
 - c. Preserve the right of free speech and expression;
 - d. Provide for effective communication between people within the context of their environment;
 - e. Avoid visual clutter that may be harmful to traffic and pedestrian safety, property values, business opportunities and community appearance;
 - f. Facilitate effective way-finding throughout the City;
 - g. Provide clear and objective sign standards;
 - h. Provide an efficient and effective review procedure for sign applications; and
 - i. Enable consistent and equitable enforcement of the regulations set forth in this Section.
2. With these purposes in mind, it is the intent of this ordinance to authorize the use of signs that are:
 - a. Effective in communicating with the public;
 - b. Compatible with their surroundings;
 - c. Legible in the circumstances in which they are seen.
 - d. Appropriate to the activity that displays them; and
 - e. Expressive of the identity of individual activities and the community as a whole.

B. SCOPE/APPLICABILITY

1. Signs may be erected, mounted, displayed or maintained in the city in conformance with the provisions of these regulations. The scope of this section, as more specifically set forth below, is to:
 - a. Allow a wide variety of sign types in commercial zone districts, and a more limited variety of signs in other zone districts, subject to the standards of this section;
 - b. Allow certain signs incidental to the principal use of a site in all zone districts subject to the standards of this section;
 - c. Provide for temporary signs in limited circumstances;
 - d. Prohibit signs whose location, size, type, illumination or other physical characteristics are not compatible with their surroundings and may be injurious to the public health, safety and welfare; and
 - e. Provide for the enforcement of the provisions of this section.
2. The regulations of this section are applicable in zone districts without sign and other sign structure requirements exclusive to a specific zone district. Where sign requirements are provided in a specific zone district the requirements of the specific zone districts in Article IV shall prevail.
3. The regulations for signs, billboards, and other sign structures are indicated below.
4. The interpretation or nomenclature in this section shall be as defined in subsection C below.

C. DEFINITIONS

The words, terms and phrases set out below shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

Advertising - Any writing, printing, painting, display, emblem, drawing, sign, or other device designed, used or intended to announce, direct attention to, or advise, which is placed on the ground, rocks, trees, tree-stump, or other natural structures or on a building, structure, milestone, signboard, billboard, wallboard, roofboard, frame, support, fence or other manmade structure.

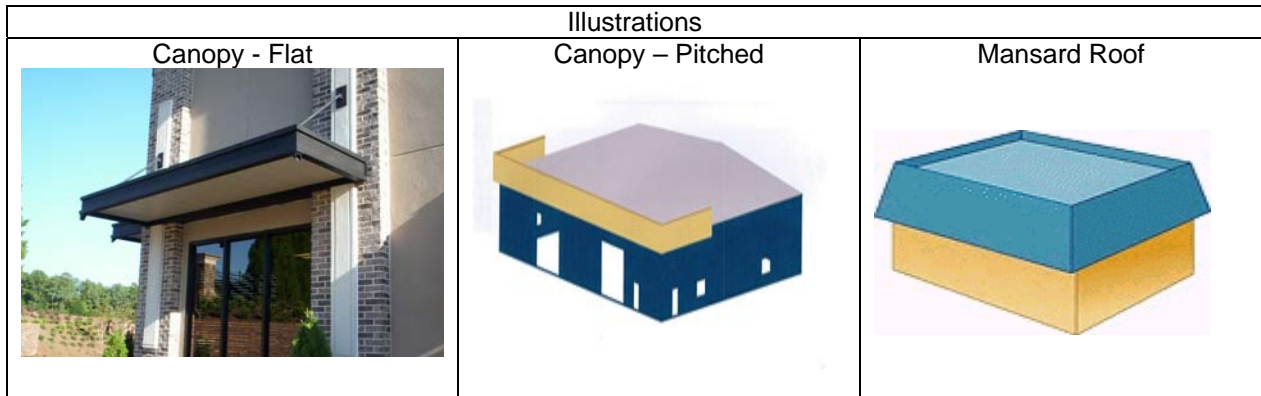
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Awning - A structure, other than a canopy, made of cloth, metal or other material affixed to a building in such a manner that the structure may be raised or retracted from a from a building to a flat position against the building.

Candela - A unit which expresses the luminous intensity of a light source.

Canopy - A permanent structure, other than an awning, made of cloth, metal or other material attached to a building for the purpose of providing shelter to patrons or automobiles, or as a decorative feature on a building wall. A canopy is not a completely enclosed structure. The lower, steeper portion of a mansard roof shall be considered a canopy for the purposes of this section if there is no enclosed space below this portion of the mansard roof.



Dimmer - A device which changes the brightness of a display or which creates the capacity of increasing or decreasing the overall brightness/intensity of a display.

Erect - When used in connection with signs shall mean to build, construct, attach, hand, place, suspend, or affix and shall also include the painting of wall signs.

Footcandle - A unit of illuminance (light falling on a surface). One lumen falling on one square foot equals one footcandle.

Light detector, Light sensor - An electronic component used to detect the amount or level of ambient light surrounding an EMC cabinet.

Master sign plan - A site plan and associated text and illustrations of a sign system for a proposed or existing development submitted to the Metropolitan Planning Commission for consideration for approval.

Nit - One candela per square meter.

Sign, billboard, or other advertising device - Any structure or part thereof or device attached thereto or represented thereon, which shall display or include any letter, words, model, banner, flag, pennant, insignia or representation used as, or which is in the nature of an announcement, direction or advertisement. The word "sign" includes the word "billboard" or any other type of advertising device, but does not include the flag, pennant, or insignia of any nation, state, city or other political unit.

Sight triangle - The area located at the intersection of two streets, whether public or private, or a street and private driveway through which an unobstructed view of approaching traffic is necessary for motorists.

Sign illumination, internal - Lighting of a sign from internal sources, such as in light source within the framework of a sign cabinet and behind the face of the sign so that light is transmitted through the face of the sign.

Sign illumination, external - Lighting of a sign from a light source external to the body of the sign, so that light is directed on to the face of the sign.

Types of signs are defined in the following categories.

Abandoned sign - Any sign, including its supporting structure, erected in conjunction with a particular use, for which the use has been discontinued for a period of sixty (60) days or more, or a lawfully erected temporary sign for which the time period allowed for display of the sign has expired.

Arcade or hanging sign - A type of attached sign which hangs from a porch roof, awning, canopy, colonnade or similar feature whose surface area is not to exceed over six square feet.

Attached sign - A sign that is permanently affixed to or painted on a building, canopy, or wall and having a permanent or changeable copy face.

Awning sign - A type of attached sign where graphics or symbols are painted, sewn, or otherwise adhered to the awning material as an integrated part of the awning itself.

Billboard - A type of off-premise sign having more than one hundred square feet of display surface which is either erected on the ground or attached to or supported by a building or structure.

Bulletin board - A type of wall or ground sign used to identify the premises and announce meetings or programs to be held on the premises of a church, school, community recreation center, hospital, medical clinic or similar place.

Canopy sign - A type of attached sign placed on a canopy so that the display surface is parallel to the plane of the wall.

Changeable letter reader board sign - A sign on which message copy is changed manually through the utilization of attachable letters, numbers, symbols and other similar character of changeable pictorial panes.

Changeable price sign - A sign that shows a product or service, such as fuel or hotel/motel room rates as an unchanging element of the sign and includes an EMC component to the sign wherein the price is changeable.

Column sign - A type of detached sign which is supported by and integrated with columns or posts.

Detached sign - Any sign that is not affixed or attached to a building and is securely and permanently mounted in or on the ground.

Development directory sign - A type of detached sign identifying a shopping center, office park, commercial subdivision, or similar mixed use or commercial development, and listing individual businesses or tenants within the unified development, including businesses not located on the lot on which the sign is located. A development directory sign is not classified as an off-premise sign.

Directional sign - A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to guide vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic on a lot or parcel by using such words as "Entrance", "Exit", "Parking", "One-Way", or similar directives, but not including any advertising message. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign.

Directory sign, on-site - A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to identify specific businesses, offices, tenants or other uses of a lot or parcel, but not including any advertising message. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign.

Electronic message center sign - A sign which uses a bank of lights that can be individually lit to form copy such as words, letters, logos, figures, symbols, illustrations, or patterns to form a message without altering the sign face.

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Ground sign - A type of detached sign supported by a pole, uprights, or braces on the ground.

Historic sign - An existing, nonconforming, historically significant sign that contributes to the historical or cultural character of the community at large which has been removed from its original location within the City of Knoxville and is to be reused and relocated to a different location on its original site or relocated to another location within the community.

Incidental sign - A sign, generally directional or informational, that has a purpose secondary to the use of the lot on which it is located, such as "no parking", "entrance", "loading only", "office", "gymnasium", and other similar directives. No sign with an advertising message other than a name or logo of a business, use or place shall be considered incidental.

Identification sign - A sign displaying only the name, address, and/or crest, insignia, trademark, occupation, or profession of an occupant or the name of any building on the premises.

Information sign - A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to convey information or instructions, but not including any advertising message, for the safety and convenient use of a lot or parcel. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign.

Landmark sign - An existing, nonconforming, on-premise sign, which exhibits unique characteristics, enhances the streetscape or identity of a neighborhood and contributes to the historical or cultural character of the streetscape or the community at large.

Marquee sign - A type of attached sign integrated into or hung from a marquee. A marquee is a type of canopy or covered structure projecting from and supported by a building, when such canopy or covered structure extends beyond the building, building line, or property line for the purpose of providing shelter to pedestrians at an entrance to a building.

Memorial sign - A plate, plaque or engraving cut into or attached to a building surface which designates names of buildings and/or date of erection and other items such as architect, contractor, or others involved in the buildings creation.

Menu board - A type of attached or detached sign primarily designed for the display of menu items and prices for the purpose of placing orders for such items in conjunction with a restaurant utilizing drive-through or curbside service.

Monument sign - A type of detached sign which is supported by and integrated with a solid base, as opposed to poles, posts, or other such supports.

Nameplate - A plate, plaque or engraved name, e.g. on a door, or integral to a wall of a building, bearing a name and associating the name with the building to which the nameplate is attached.

Off-premise sign - A sign that directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered elsewhere than on the premises and only incidentally on the premises if at all.

On-premise sign - A sign that directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered on the premises on which the sign is erected. A "for sale", "to let" or "information" sign shall be deemed an on-premise sign.

Pole sign - A type of ground sign at least ten feet above the ground supported on a single post or pole.

Portable sign - All moveable or portable off-premise or on-premise signs, unless otherwise permitted by these regulations, mounted upon trailers or other structure(s) or device(s) designed to be transported with only incidental parking and assembling for reuse.

Project directional sign - A type of detached sign used to direct traffic from a collector or an arterial street (as designated in the *Major Road Plan for Knoxville – Knox County, Tennessee*) to businesses located on the same or lower classification streets within the same unified development. A project directional sign is not classified as an off-premise sign.

Projecting sign - A type of attached sign that is wholly or partly dependent upon a building for support, which projects at an angle away from the building, extending more than one (1) foot.

Roof sign - A type of attached sign that is mounted on the roof of a building or which is wholly dependent upon a building roof for support.

Shingle sign - A type of projecting sign not over nine square feet in area and projecting not more than three feet over public property that hangs from a bracket or support and is located over or near a building entrance.

Sidewalk sign - A type of moveable detached sign not secured or attached to the ground or surface upon which it is located.








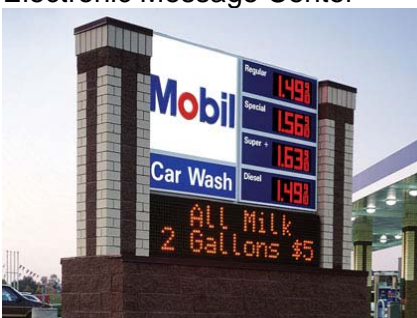




Temporary sign - Any sign, banner, pennant, valance, or advertising display constructed of wood, metal, cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard, or other light material, with or without frames, where either by reason of construction or purpose the sign is intended to be displayed for a short period of time consistent with the terms of these regulations.

Umbrella sign - A sign integrated into the body of an umbrella, either on its protective covering or support structure.

Wall sign - A type of attached sign fastened to or painted on the wall of a building in such a manner that the wall becomes the supporting structure for, or forms the background surface of the sign and which does not project more than one (1) foot from the building or structure. A wall sign may not project above the wall or parapet.







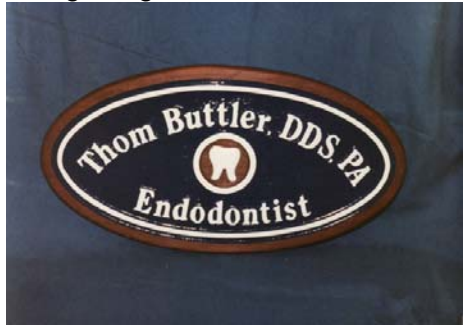





Window sign - A type of attached sign placed within a window facing the street or thoroughfare, including a television or monitor placed in a window for the purpose of advertising products, services or the business, and may be composed of applied letters, symbols, neon or similar lighting, but may not obscure the view of the interior of the building.

SIGN ILLUSTRATIONS

<p>Arcade or Hanging Sign</p> 	<p>Awning Sign</p> 	<p>Canopy Sign 1</p> 
<p>Canopy Sign 2</p> 	<p>Changeable Reader Board</p> 	<p>Changeable Price Sign</p> 
<p>Column Sign</p> 	<p>Electronic Message Center</p> 	<p>Ground Sign</p> 
<p>Marquee Sign</p> 	<p>Menu Board (attached)</p> 	<p>Menu Board (detached)</p> 

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<p>Monument Sign</p> 	<p>Nameplate</p> 	<p>Pole Sign</p> 
<p>Portable Sign</p> 	<p>Projecting Sign</p> 	<p>Roof Sign</p> 
<p>Shingle Sign</p> 	<p>Sidewalk Sign</p> 	<p>Umbrella Sign</p> 
<p>Wall Sign (applied)</p> 	<p>Wall Sign (cabinet)</p> 	<p>Window Sign</p> 

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D. PROHIBITED SIGNS

The following signs are prohibited in all zone districts:

1. Signs which by color, location, and/or design resemble or conflict with traffic control signs or signals.
2. Signs which contain or make use of any word, phrase, symbol, shape, form or character in such manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic. This does not include permitted incidental signs such as directional, directory or informational signs.
3. Signs which have moving parts and signs which have red, green, yellow, amber or blue lights.
4. Signs with flashing, chasing, pulsating, twinkling, dancing, scintillating, and/or oscillating lights or any other rotating, revolving or moving part; except for an approved, documented historic or reproduction sign located in any H-1 (Historic Overlay) zone district or an approved sign within the D-1 (Downtown Design Overlay) zone district.
5. Illuminated signs within one hundred (100) feet of property in any residential zone district, unless the illumination of such sign is so designed that it does not shine or reflect light onto such property within a residential zone district.
6. Signs within the public right-of-way, except publicly owned signs, such as wayfinding signs and regulatory signs, and those signs approved by the city engineer.
7. Signs placed on a parked vehicle or trailer visible from the public right-of-way where the primary purpose is to advertise a product or direct people to a business located on the same or another property. For the purposes of this regulation, logos, identification or advertising on vehicles being operated by being moved on and off the site in the normal course of business are not prohibited.
8. Billboards and other off-premise signs.
9. Portable signs.
10. Roof signs.
11. Window signs that exceed twenty-five (25) percent or twenty (20) square feet, whichever is less, of the window area in which they are displayed.

E. SIGNS EXEMPT FROM THESE REGULATIONS

The following signs, unless prohibited elsewhere in these regulations, are exempt from the regulations of this chapter but may be subject to other applicable laws and regulations:

1. Signs regulated by Article IV of the City of Knoxville zoning ordinance.
2. Signs conforming to the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices* and bearing no commercial message.
3. Signs required by federal, state or local statute.
4. Signs installed by employees or officials of the City of Knoxville and Knox County, a state or federal agency in the course of their governmental duties and bearing no commercial message.
5. Signs necessary to promote health, safety and welfare, and other regulatory, statutory, traffic control or directional signs erected on public property with permission as appropriate from the state, the United States of America, Knox County or the City of Knoxville.

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6. Signs required by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
7. Legal notices and official instruments.
8. Signs installed by public utilities in their rights-of-way or on their facilities and bearing no commercial message other than such message as necessary to identify the public utility and the use.
9. Signs installed by a transit company with a franchise or other right to operate in the City of Knoxville, where such signs are installed along its routes and relate to schedules or other information about the transit route.
10. Signs approved as part of the City of Knoxville's adopted Wayfinding program.
11. Signs carried by a person.
12. Signs incorporated into machinery or equipment by a manufacturer or distributor.
13. Signs located within a building or enclosed space that are not visible or legible from the public right-of-way or from private property or public property other than the property on which it is located.
14. Memorial signs with a maximum sign area of six (6) square feet.
15. Works of art with no advertising.
16. Holiday lights and decorations with no advertising.
17. Scoreboards and off-premise signs located on athletic fields if oriented toward the field of play.
18. Restaurant menu boards located on the premises of the restaurant when oriented toward a drive-through lane, with a maximum sign area of sixty (60) square feet and maximum height of ten (10) feet. The menu board shall be located within thirty (30) feet of the point at which orders are taken from the motor vehicle.
19. Restaurant menu displays located within ten (10) feet of a primary restaurant entrance provided the display area does not exceed four (4) square feet.
20. Official fraternal, religious or civic flags when mounted on permanent poles attached to the ground or building when located on the same site as the fraternal, religious or civic organization, institution or building.
21. Official governmental flags of the following governmental entities shall be the only official governmental flags recognized as such by the City of Knoxville:
 - a. The United States of America;
 - b. Any state, territory, or possession of the United States of America;
 - c. Any official flag adopted as such by the City of Knoxville and Knox County;
 - d. Any official flag adopted by a member state of the United Nations.
22. Decorative flags and bunting for a celebration, convention or commemoration, subject to removal within seven days following the event
23. In residential districts, any sign of a type described below which does not exceed two square feet in area:
 - a. A sign giving a property identification name or number or name(s) of occupant, one sign per lot;
 - b. A mailbox sign (one sign per dwelling unit), and
 - c. A sign(s) posted on property relating to private parking, trespassing or dangerous animals (limited to four (4) signs per lot if less than one acre in size)
24. Temporary signs for political purposes.

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25. Temporary merchandise displays and signs behind storefront windows which are not affixed permanently to the glass, nor intended for permanent display.
26. Temporary or permanent signs identifying traffic-control measures on private property, such as "stop," "yield," and similar signs, the face of which meet the standards of the "Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices" and which contain no logo or commercial message of any sort and which do not exceed six (6) square feet in area per sign.
27. Temporary signs for announcements by public or nonprofit organizations of special events or activities of interest to the general public, provided such signs are less than thirty-two (32) square feet in area, are limited to one (1) sign per site of such events, are erected no sooner than fourteen (14) days before the event, and are removed within three (3) days after the event.
28. Temporary signs on vehicles displaying terms of sale.
29. Umbrella signs.
30. Signs contained on vendor push carts.

F. SIGNS EXEMPT FROM PERMIT REQUIREMENT
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The following signs are exempt from permit requirements, but subject to other regulations of this chapter:

1. Temporary signs announcing real estate availability in residential districts which do not exceed nine (9) square feet in area per sign, which do not exceed six (6) feet in height for detached signs, and which are limited to one detached sign per street frontage and one (1) wall sign per dwelling unit.
2. Temporary signs announcing real estate availability in nonresidential districts which are less than sixty-four (64) square feet in area per sign, which do not exceed ten (10) feet in height for detached signs, and which are limited to one (1) detached sign per street frontage and one (1) wall sign per building facade if the entire building is for sale or lease or one (1) wall sign per leasable area if subunits of the building are for lease or rent.
3. Temporary signs announcing construction in residential districts which do not exceed nine (9) square feet in area and six (6) feet in height for detached signs, which are limited to one (1) per lot, and which are installed after issuance of a building permit and removed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. If a sign is displayed pursuant to this section, but construction is discontinued for a period of more than sixty (60) days, the sign shall be removed, pending continuation of construction activities.
4. Temporary signs announcing construction in nonresidential districts which are less than sixty-four (64) square feet in area and ten (10) feet in height for detached signs, which must be spaced at least one hundred (100) feet apart, and which are installed after issuance of a building permit and removed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Construction-related detached signs that are sixty-four (64) square feet or more in area and ten (10) feet or more in height must comply with the district requirements for a permanent detached sign. If a sign is displayed pursuant to this section, but construction is discontinued for a period of more than sixty (60) days, the sign shall be removed, pending continuation of construction activities.
5. Temporary signs announcing yard sales or real estate open houses which do not exceed six (6) square feet in area, are limited to one (1) per lot, which are erected no sooner than four (4) days before the event, and which are removed within two (2) days after the event. On the day of these events, and while event staff are on the site, up to two (2) flag signs, not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area, may be used to announce the event.
6. Temporary auction signs which do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area per sign, which do not exceed ten (10) feet in height for detached signs, which are limited to one (1) per lot, and which are erected no more than thirty-one (31) days prior to the event and removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the auction event. On the

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day of these events, and while event staff are on the site, up to two (2) flag signs, not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet in size, may be used to announce the event.

7. Temporary farmer's market signs, limit of two, erected on days of market operation. Any such sign shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in residential districts and thirty-two (32) square feet in all other districts.

8. Sidewalk signs, subject to the provisions of subsection I(1).

9. Window signs which do not exceed twenty-five (25) percent or twenty (20) square feet, whichever is less, of the window area in which they are displayed.

10. Signs showing historic or landmark status of a building, provided such signs do not exceed two (2) square feet.

G. CRITERIA FOR MEASUREMENTS

1. Sign Area

a. For detached signs, the total sign area shall be measured by calculating the entire area enclosed by the perimeter of the extreme limits of the sign cabinet or module, exclusive of embellishments such as pole coverings, framing, decorating roofing, and any appurtenances required by the building code.

b. For attached signs, the total sign area shall be measured by calculating the entire area enclosed by the perimeter of the extreme limits of the sign cabinet, or, if the sign face is not a part of a sign cabinet, the sign copy, including vertical and horizontal spacing between letters and logos on the sign face.

c. A sign designed to be viewed from two (2) different directions shall be considered as one (1) sign, provided that the two (2) sign faces shall not be more than forty-two (42) inches apart if parallel, nor form an angle of more than ninety (90) degrees.

d. If the attached or detached sign or sign structure is internally illuminated or back lit by any means, the entire area shall be included within the allowable sign area calculation for the site.

2. Sign Height

a. Sign height shall be computed as the distance from the base of the sign structure to the top of the highest attached component of the sign, using as the base of the sign structure either of the following provisions providing the greatest height:

(1) the finished grade of the property below the sign; or

(2) the roadway surface at the nearest edge of pavement of the street that provides primary access to the site.

b. The finished grade of the property shall be construed for this purpose to be the final established grade after development, exclusive of any filling, berming, mounding or excavating primarily for the purpose of locating a sign.

c. For detached signs subject to the provisions of subsection L.6. below on property that shares a common property line with an interstate highway or for detached signs on property that does not share a common property line but such signs are located within one hundred (100) feet of the right-of-way of an interstate highway, the highest interstate roadway surface as measured from the sign to the crown of the roadway surface on a line perpendicular to the interstate right-of-way, or radial to the right-of-way when the subject sign is located in proximity to a curved interstate right-of-way may be used to determine the greatest allowable height.

3. Sign Spacing

a. All distances related to spacing of signs shall be measured along a straight line between the two (2) closest points of the sign structures.

4. Primary Building Elevation

For the purposes of determining maximum allowed sign area for attached signs:

a. The primary building elevation shall be any elevation that faces onto a street right-of-way to which the parcel has street frontage and (1) has the principal entrance to the building, or (2) has an entry used primarily for customers or clients.

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b. The wall area of the primary building elevation shall be determined as follows:

(1) When architectural elevations are provided that accurately and to scale depict the elevation of the structure, the wall area of the elevation shall be the area of the vertical wall surface of the building elevation exclusive of roofs, parapets and false facia; except that a parapet on the primary building elevation, if it is part of a parapet of a uniform height on three sides of a structure and of a similar and uniform building material may be included in the elevation area, but decorative parapet extensions of irregular height on one or two sides of a structure are excluded from the calculation.

(2) When architectural plans are not provided, it shall be assumed that the height of the elevation of the first floor is twelve (12) feet and that the height of the elevation of all floors above the first floor is ten (10) feet per floor. The area of the elevation is then calculated based on the formula: [building length x 12 ft. (first floor)] + [building length x 10 ft. per each additional floor] = elevation area.

5. Canopies over Gasoline Pumps for Measuring Purposes

For the purposes of determining maximum allowed sign area, the vertical surface of canopies over gasoline pumps may be considered as part of the wall surface of an elevation.

6. Setback for Detached Signs. The setback shall be measured from the farthest most protrusion of the sign to the nearest point of a property line, street right-of-way or edge of pavement. The interstate highway right-of-way shall be considered a side or rear lot line for the purposes of determining the minimum setback required.

H. GENERAL SIGN STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Minimum Setbacks

a. All detached on-premise signs shall be set back no less than ten (10) feet from a street right-of-way or fifteen (15) feet from the edge of pavement, whichever is greater.

b. All detached on-premise signs shall be set back no less than five (5) feet from all side and rear property lines that are not also street right-of-way

c. Directional or information signs may be allowed closer than the minimum setback from a right-of-way or pavement with the approval of the city engineer.

2. Minimum Clearance for Projecting Signs

a. Signs shall project from a building no more than ten (10) feet and shall maintain a minimum clear height of ten (10) feet, except in the following districts:

(1) In the TND-1 (Traditional Neighborhood Development) district, signs shall project no more than four (4) feet and shall maintain a minimum clear height of eight (8) feet in the commercial portion of the development.

(2) In the H-1 (Historic Overlay) district and D-1 (Downtown Design Overlay) district signs shall :

(a) Shall maintain a minimum clear height of seven (7) feet above sidewalks if non-electrified.

(b) Shall maintain a minimum clear height of eight (8) feet above sidewalks if electrified.

b. Where such signs project over public property, the sign shall not extend closer than twenty (20) inches to the back of the curb of the street.

3. Illumination Standards. Sign illumination shall meet the following standards:

a. General Requirements.

(1) In residential zone districts internal sign illumination shall be prohibited. Signs may be externally illuminated, provided no light source exceeds seventy-five (75) footcandles of surface illumination nor is visible from streets or adjacent property;

(2) In nonresidential zone districts internally illuminated signs shall not exceed two hundred (200) foot-lamberts and externally illuminated signs shall not exceed seventy-five (75) footcandles of surface illumination;

(3) In all office districts, illuminated attached signs shall be limited to the building façade facing a street that is adjacent to the property and illuminated detached signs shall be limited to locations between the building and a street that is adjacent to the property.

- b. External Illumination. Externally illuminated signs shall be shielded from adjacent buildings and streets, and shall not cause glare or other nuisances to adjacent land uses or traffic. Projecting light fixtures used for externally illuminated signs must not obscure the sign.
 - c. Internal Illumination. Internal illumination shall provide steady, stationary lighting through translucent materials.
 - d. All electrical wiring to detached signs shall be placed underground. Electrical wiring to attached signs shall be concealed from public view.
4. Sight Triangle Requirements. Detached signs shall be located so that no part of the sign structure, including the sign cabinet or sign face, shall encroach within a sight triangle as follows:
- a. At the intersection of two public streets the sight triangle shall have lengths along the property line of no less than twenty-five (25) feet; and
 - b. At the intersection of a public street and a private commercial driveway or joint permanent easement connection to that street the sight triangle shall have lengths along the edge of pavement of no less than twenty-five (25) feet, provided that the required setback from the public street shall also be provided.
5. Landscape Requirements for Detached Signs. For all detached signs located within the front yard of a property, a landscape area shall be provided and maintained around the base or support structure of the detached sign. Plant material used in the landscape area shall not have a mature height of greater than forty-two (42) inches in height. For the purpose of these regulations a landscape area shall be an area reserved for the addition or augmentation of shrubs, plants, turf grasses and other natural and decorative features.
6. Covering of posts, poles, uprights and braces on detached signs. All posts, poles, uprights, braces or any other supporting structure a part of a detached sign shall be covered with material complementary to the construction of the principal building or structure on the parcel or lot, and completed with a square or rectangular perimeter footprint.

I. STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF SIGNS

1. Sidewalk Signs. Sidewalk signs are allowed only in the C-2, TND-1, TC-1 and form districts, provided they are less than five (5) feet in height, two (2) feet in width, have a sign area less than six (6) square feet, and may be placed no closer than twenty-five (25) feet from any other sidewalk sign. A sidewalk sign shall be placed on the ground or paved surface and may be placed on a sidewalk within public right-of-way or public property within fifteen (15) feet of the entry to a business or outdoor space associated with the business. Such signs cannot be located within any designated fire lane or obstruct vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic, must comply with ADA clearance and accessibility standards, must be removed from the sidewalk at the close of business each day and shall not be illuminated. A sidewalk sign cannot be illuminated or contain an electronic message center or any moving parts.
2. Temporary Signs Subject to Permit Requirements.
- a. Temporary signs shall not be erected or otherwise fixed to any pole, tree, stone, fence, building, structure or any object within the right-of-way of any street.
 - b. No temporary sign shall be erected at the intersection of any street in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal, or device or located in any required parking space.
 - c. Each business may erect or post one (1) attached or one (1) detached temporary sign on up to four (4) occasions during each calendar year, provided that each such occurrence does not exceed fifteen (15) days in duration for each occurrence. Any sign posted for a longer period must meet the requirements for a permanent detached sign.
 - d. No temporary sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
 - e. A temporary sign shall comply with the applicable setback and parking requirements, electrical code and safety requirements.
 - f. A temporary sign shall not be suspended across or above public streets or other public places.

3. Awning and Canopy Signs.

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a. The sign area for awning and canopy signs shall be subject to the maximum sign area calculated for all attached signs in accordance with section L of these regulations. The surface area of awnings and canopies, except for canopies over gasoline pumps as described in section G.5 above, shall not be calculated in the total area of a primary building elevation for the purposes of determining maximum allowed sign area for attached signs.

b. The canopy sign shall not extend above the highest point of the canopy upon which it is attached or two (2) feet, whichever is greater.

4. Incidental Signs on Large Sites

a. *Purpose.* Incidental signs on large sites are for the purpose of an occupant, or occupants, of a lot or parcel to convey on a permanent basis directions or information for the safety and convenience of visitors for the use, or restriction of use, of a lot or parcel.

b. *Administrative Procedures.* Incidental signs on large sites may be allowed by permit upon receipt and approval by the building official or his/her designee of a site plan showing all incidental signs for the site.

Incidental signs on large sites are exempt from the maximum sign area requirements of Article V, Section 10.

c. *Application Requirements.* Plans shall be submitted for review and consideration by City of Knoxville Plans Review and Inspections office, and shall include the following information in the application package:

(1) An application and a consent form signed by the property owner(s) of the subject site.

(2) A scaled site plan showing the location and dimensions of all property lines, rights-of-way, easements, improvements (buildings, driveways, street access points, etc.) within the site, the location of all existing and proposed signs, and if required pursuant to other provisions of this section, building elevations showing all building signs.

(3) The site plan must show the location, dimensions and construction details for all proposed incidental signs, and include sign illumination details and landscaping plans.

(4) A table identifying each sign, the overall dimensions of each sign, and the sign area of each sign must be a part of the site plan.

(5) The minimum size of a site eligible for consideration as a large site shall be a single lot or parcel, or several contiguous lots or parcels, of no less than two and one-half (2.5) acres.

d. *Incidental Sign Standards.* Incidental signs on large sites are permitted subject to the following standards:

(1) Classification of signs permitted. Directional signs, information signs, and/or on-site directory signs may be permitted as incidental signs on large sites.

(2) Types of signs permitted. Wall, window, monument or column signs may be permitted as incidental signs on large sites.

(3) Exempt from other sign area requirements. Signs approved as incidental signs on large sites are exempt from the maximum sign area allowed for a lot or building and shall not count as one of the wall, window, monument or column signs permitted by other provisions of Article V, Section 10.

(4) Number of signs. The number of incidental signs permitted per lot or parcel shall be in accordance with the site plan submitted and approved by the building official.

(5) Maximum sign area. The maximum sign area for any directional, information or on-site directory sign approved as part of a site plan of incidental signs on large sites shall be sixteen (16) square feet. An area not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the approved sign area may be devoted to a name or logo of a business, use or place.

(6) Maximum sign height for monument and column signs. The maximum height of monument or column signs used as incidental signs on large sites shall be six (6) feet.

(7) Setbacks. Incidental signs on large sites shall be located not closer than ten (10) feet to a street right-of-way line or fifteen (15) feet from the edge of street pavement, whichever is greater, not closer than two (2) feet from any internal driveway or parking lot, and not closer than five (5) feet from any side or rear property line.

(8) Illumination. Incidental signs on large sites shall be subject to the standards for illumination in accordance with the zone district of the lot or parcel.

(9) Once approved as part of a site plan of incidental signs on a large site, conversion of a directional, information or on-site directory sign to an off-premise sign without proper approvals is prohibited.

5. Landmark and Historic Signs.

a. The purpose of these regulations is to promote the protection of nonconforming signs that represent important aspects of the City's heritage, to enhance the character of the community by considering such signs during development, and to assist owner(s) in the preservation and restoration of their signs.

b. Landmark Signs. The purpose of designating a sign as a landmark sign is to encourage the restoration and retention of on-premise, nonconforming signs that are historically significant. Once designated as a landmark sign, the sign shall be considered to be in compliance with any zoning regulations and will be exempt from regulations of Article V, Section 10, except as stated herein.

(1) Designation Criteria. The Building Official, upon receiving a report of recommendation from the Historic Zoning Commission, may designate an existing on-premises sign as a landmark sign if it meets the following criteria:

(a) The sign has been in continuous existence at the present location for at least 50 years.

(b) The sign is an on-premise sign, which meets at least four (4) of the following criteria:

(i) It was expressly designed for the business, institution, or other establishments at that location; or

(ii) A national or local emblem, logo, or other graphic that is unique to the property or the establishment is an integral part of the sign structure; or

(iii) The sign exhibits unique or rare characteristics that enhance the streetscape or identity of a neighborhood; or

(iv) The sign is significant as evidence of the history of the product, business or service advertised; or

(v) The sign is characteristic of a specific historic period; or

(vi) The sign is integral to the building's design or physical fabric; or

(vii) The sign represents an outstanding example of the sign maker's art due to craftsmanship, use of materials or design.

(c) The sign complies with the appropriate provisions of the state and local building and electrical codes.

(d) The sign is structurally safe or is capable of being made so without substantially altering its historical significance.

c. Historic Signs. The restoration and retention of nonconforming, historically significant signs that have been removed from original locations and are to be reused is encouraged. Allowing these signs to move to other locations within the community may be necessary to ensure preservation. Once designated as a historic sign, certain nonconforming aspects of the sign shall be considered to be in compliance with the zoning regulations and will be exempt from regulations of Article V, Section 10, except as stated herein.

(1) Designation Criteria. The Building Official, upon receiving a report of recommendation from the Historic Zoning Commission, may designate an existing sign as a historic sign if it meets the following criteria:

(a) The sign must be at least 50 years old.

(b) The sign must meet at least three (3) of the following criteria:

(i) A national or local emblem, logo, or other graphic that is unique to a property or establishment is an integral part of the design of the sign structure; or

(ii) The sign exhibits unique or rare characteristics that enhance the streetscape or identity of a neighborhood; or

(iii) The sign is significant as evidence of the history of the product, business or service advertised; or

(iv) The sign is characteristic of a specific historic period; or

(v) The sign represents an outstanding example of the sign maker's art due to craftsmanship, use of materials or design.

(c) The sign complies with the appropriate provisions of the state and local building and electrical codes.

(d) The sign is structurally safe or is capable of being made so without substantially altering its historical significance.

d. Landmark and Historic Sign Administrative Procedures.

(1) Review and Recommendation by Historic Zoning Commission.

(a) Authorized Applicants. Any member of City Council, the Mayor or his/her representative, the property owner of the parcel where a proposed landmark sign is located, or the owner of the site where a proposed historic sign is to be relocated, may apply for designation of an existing sign as a landmark or historic sign.

(b) Applications and Fees Submitted to MPC. Such application shall be submitted to and on a form determined by the MPC as support to the City of Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission, accompanied by a fee as established by the MPC.

(c) Required Information on Application. At the time of the filing of an application for designation of a sign, the applicant must file all necessary information in order for the Historic Zoning Commission to determine if the sign meets the criteria for the requested designation and make a recommendation. The staff of the MPC or the Historic Zoning Commission has the authority to request whatever other information is necessary in order to make a decision. The burden of proof for meeting the criteria is upon the applicant.

(d) Public Notice and Hearing. Prior to consideration of the application at a meeting of the Historic Zoning Commission, MPC shall provide notice of the public hearing in accordance with the administrative rules of the Historic Zoning Commission.

(e) Authority of the Historic Zoning Commission. After consideration of the application at a public hearing, the City of Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission shall have the authority to make a recommendation to approve or disapprove the designation of an existing sign as a landmark or historic sign upon consideration of the criteria stated above.

(f) Report on Action. In recommending approval or disapproval of a landmark or historic sign designation, the Historic Zoning Commission shall state the reasons for the decision in a report to the Building Official. Such report shall include the application and any supporting material considered by the Historic Zoning Commission and minutes of the meeting.

(2) Designation as a landmark or historic sign.

(a) Consideration of recommendation of Historic Zoning Commission. The Building Official shall take into account the recommendation of the Historic Zoning Commission in making a decision on the designation of an existing sign as a landmark or historic sign.

(b) Approval Authority. The Building Official shall have the authority to approve or disapprove the designation of an existing sign as a landmark or historic sign based upon the criteria stated above.

(c) Rationale for Approval. In approving or disapproving a landmark or historic sign application, the Building Official shall state the reasons in writing.

(d) Appeals. An appeal of the Building Official's decision must be properly filed in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance at Article VII, Section 1(C).

(e) Maintenance of a Landmark and Historic Sign Inventory. Once a sign has been designation as a landmark or historic sign, the Building Official shall add the sign to its records and send notice of the action taken to the Historic Zoning Commission and to the applicant.

(3) Issuing of Permits.

(a) Authorized Applicants. The property owner of the parcel where a proposed landmark sign is located, or the owner of the site where a proposed historic sign is to be relocated, may apply for approval of a permit to restore; repair, move and replace a landmark sign; or remove, repair and move to another location a historic sign, provided said signs are designated as landmark or historic signs.

(b) Applications Submitted to Department of Plans Review and Inspections. Such application shall be submitted to and on a form determined by the Department of Plans Review and Inspections.

(c) Required Information on Application. At the time of the filing of an application for a permit for a sign designated as a landmark or historic sign, the applicant must file all necessary information in order for the Building Official to determine if the proposed work on the sign will meet the intent of this ordinance. The Building Official has the authority to request whatever other information is necessary in order to make a decision. The burden of proof for meeting the criteria is upon the applicant.

(d) Approval Authority. The City of Knoxville Building Official shall have the authority, in accordance with Article V, Section 10(L), (N) and (O), to approve or deny a permit to restore; repair, and remove and replace a landmark sign; or remove, repair and move to another location a historic sign.

(e) Exempt Work. Owners may voluntarily remove a sign once designated as a landmark or historic sign, provided such sign is not within a designated Historic Overlay (H-1) zone district, and provided that the owner of the sign notifies the Department of Plans Review and Inspections of such action. After such notification, the sign will be removed from the Landmark and Historic Sign Inventory by the Building Official.

e. Landmark and Historic Sign Regulations.

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(1) Landmark Sign Location. If a landmark sign is moved on-premise, it shall be subject to the location regulations of this ordinance.

(2) Landmark Sign Use Agreement Required. If any portion of a landmark sign is permitted to remain in or over a public right-of-way, a City or State use or encroachment agreement shall be executed.

(3) Historic Sign Location. An historic sign may be moved to another location on the site where it is currently located or to another property. It is encouraged that the sign be relocated to a site within the area from which it originated. The receiving site must be located within a nonresidential zone district or mixed-use form district which allows commercial signs.

(4) Nonconforming Aspects of Historic Signs. Relocated historic signs that are nonconforming based on their size, height, animation, moving parts, or moving, flashing, color or type of lighting do not have to be brought into conformance. However, relocated signs may not move further out of conformance by any physical alterations to the sign. The lighting of such signs shall be located, screened, or shielded so that abutting lots located in any residential district are not directly illuminated and do not cause glare or impair the vision of motorists. All other regulations shall apply with the following exceptions:

(a) Projecting signs may extend beyond the maximum projecting dimension based upon the existing dimension of the sign.

(b) Roof signs and flashing, fluttering, swinging, and rotating signs, which may be currently prohibited, may be relocated and maintain the prohibited characteristics provided such features contribute to the historic or cultural character of the sign and are in keeping with the surrounding area.

6. Electronic Message Centers. Within all zone districts the following regulations shall apply to Electronic Message Centers (EMC):

a. EMCs legally existing on April 10, 2009, shall be allowed to continue operation subject to meeting the operational standards as required by subsection (m) herein. After April 10, 2009, no EMC shall be permitted in any location except in the following instances:

(1) An EMC may be permitted in those areas covered by an H-1 overlay district subject to approval as required within an H-1 district.

(2) An EMC may be permitted in those areas covered by a D-1 overlay district subject to approval as required within a D-1 district.

(3) An EMC may be permitted in those specific zone districts that allow EMCs with approved design regulations or guidelines subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory body for such district.

(4) An EMC may be permitted as a changeable price sign subject to the requirements of subsection I.7 below.

b. No EMC shall be erected or used by a business unless any existing changeable letter reader board is first removed from the parcel.

c. An EMC shall be included in the total signage permitted on the parcel.

d. An EMC shall be permitted as a wall sign, or an integrated part of the total sign surface of a detached on-premise sign. For purposes of this section, integrated into the total sign surface of a detached on-premise sign shall mean an EMC cabinet contained within or contiguous to the smallest, simple polygon enclosing all of the non-electronic advertising content of a sign.

e. An EMC permitted as part of a ground or monument sign shall have a minimum matrix area of twenty (20) square feet and a maximum size of one third (1/3) of the total signage permitted or one hundred (100) square feet, whichever is less.

f. An EMC permitted as a wall sign shall not exceed one hundred (100) sq. ft.

g. Each display on an EMC shall hold constant for a minimum of sixty (60) seconds.

h. An EMC shall not display light of such intensity or brightness to cause glare. An EMC must be equipped with an automatic dimmer device and controlled by a light detector. It is the responsibility of the sign owner to demonstrate compliance with brightness/intensity and dimming settings.

Brightness, also known as intensity, shall be measured in candelas per square meter, which is also referred to as nits, and shall not exceed the following standards:

Daytime maximum brightness	3,000 nits
Nighttime maximum brightness	750 nits
Maximum brightness at the property line	0.2 footcandles
Maximum bulb wattage for incandescent light	40 watts

i. No electronic message center (EMC) shall be permitted in any location which is zoned C-1.

- j. The images and messages displayed must be static. The images and messages displayed must be complete in themselves, without continuation in content to the next image or message or to any other sign.
- k. The transition from one display to another must be instantaneous without any special effects.

l. Every line of text in an EMC shall meet or exceed the following standards:

Designated Speed Limit on Frontage Road (in MPH)	Minimum Text Size (in Inches)
25 to 34	7
35 to 44	9
45 to 54	12
55 and above	15

If there is insufficient room for text of this size in the area allowed under clause 5 above, then no text is allowed.

m. All EMCs legally existing on [the effective date of this ordinance], must comply with the operational standards listed in subsections g, h, j, k, and l above. A legally existing EMC that cannot meet the minimum text size requirement in subsection l above must use the largest size possible for one line of text to fit in the available space.

7. Changeable Price Signs. An EMC may be used as a changeable price sign subject to the following:

- (a) Changeable price signs shall be limited to parcels with a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) feet of frontage on the street where the property is addressed.
- (b) Each changeable price sign on a parcel shall be counted toward the total allowable signage allowed per parcel.
- (c) Changeable price signs shall be integrated into a detached on-premise sign or be placed on a canopy or wall in accordance with these regulations,
- (d) Changeable price signs shall be limited to three (3) per detached sign structure or three (3) per building or canopy face.
- (e) An EMC may be integrated into a changeable price sign subject to the following:
- (1) The EMC component shall be used only as a changeable price component; and
 - (2) The minimum matrix area of each EMC component of a changeable price sign shall be six (6) square feet and the maximum shall be twenty-five (25) square feet per changeable price sign.

J. MASTER SIGN PLANS

1. *Purpose.* For the purpose of providing flexibility and incentives for coordinated, well designed sign systems for shopping centers, commercial subdivisions, office parks and other large scale commercial and mixed use developments, a master signage plan is required for certain signs identified within Article 5, Section 10, and sign systems within the TC-1 (Town Center) district. A master sign plan will promote the use of signs which are aesthetically pleasing, of appropriate scale, and integrated with surrounding buildings and landscape, in order to meet the community's expressed desire for quality development consistent with the property's land use designation.

2. *Application Requirements.* Master sign plans required pursuant to other provisions of this ordinance shall be submitted for review and consideration by the Metropolitan Planning Commission as a use permitted on review, and shall include the following information in the application package:

- a. Master sign plan application and a consent form signed by all the property owner(s), or owners' representatives, for the unified development under consideration.
- b. A site plan showing the location and dimensions of all property lines, rights-of-way, easements, improvements (buildings, driveways, street access points, etc.) within the unified development, the location of all existing and proposed signs, and if required pursuant to other provisions of this ordinance, building elevations showing all building signs.
- c. Scale drawings showing the dimensions and construction details for all proposed signs including sign illumination and landscaping plans.
- d. Computation of the maximum total sign area, the maximum area for individual signs, the height of signs and the number of freestanding signs allowed on the lots included in the unified development under consideration.
- e. A copy of any sign restrictions proposed or implemented for the unified development.

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- f. Documentation including an accurate site plan for the development shall be provided showing that the development was approved as a shopping center, commercial subdivision, office park, or, mixed use development within the TC-1 (Town Center) district. The development may be located on both sides of a street or streets if it is determined by the Metropolitan Planning Commission that it functions as a unified development.
- g. The minimum size of a development eligible for consideration as a unified development shall be twenty-five thousand 25,000 square feet of gross floor area and must contain three (3) or more businesses or tenants.
- h. For the purposes of approving a master sign plan, the Metropolitan Planning Commission shall determine the boundaries of the unified development based on the application and evidence submitted in support of the application.
- i. The approved signs shall be located on property within the area defined by the Metropolitan Planning Commission as the unified development.

3. *Administrative Procedures.* Master Sign Plans shall be reviewed by the Metropolitan Planning Commission as a Use Permitted on Review. A Master Sign Plan may also be included as part of a development plan or use permitted on review application for a shopping center, commercial subdivision, office park or similar development. The Metropolitan Planning Commission may approve, modify or deny the request. All applications for sign permits in an area with an approved Master Sign Plan shall be in conformance with the Plan. Since approval of Master Sign Plan is a privilege and not a right, variances from the sign standards of Article 5, Section 10, shall not be granted for development directory signs or project directional signs. When a Master Sign Plan has been approved, variances shall not be granted for any signs on a lot covered by the Master Sign Plan. The action of the Planning Commission may be appealed as provided in Article 7, Section 6F.

4. *Development Directory Sign.* To encourage coordinated, well designed sign systems that allow sufficient identification of businesses within unified developments in a manner which promotes traffic safety and avoids visual blight, development directory signs may be approved by the metropolitan planning commission as a part of a master sign plan (see subsection 25, above) subject to meeting the following:

- a. The development directory sign shall meet the requirements of subsection L of these regulations for a detached sign in a commercial or industrial zone district.
- b. The development directory sign shall count as one of the detached signs permitted pursuant to these regulations for the lot on which the sign will be located. If the maximum number of business ground or monument signs and/or the maximum surface area is already met or exceeded on a lot proposed for a development directory sign, the number of signs and/or surface area must be reduced so that the addition of the development directory sign would put the signs on the lot in conformance with the maximum limitations.
- c. Only the name and/or logo for the unified development and the names and/or logos of individual establishments within the unified development shall be permitted on the sign face(s). The name of the unified development shall be located at the top of the sign and shall be designed to stand out from the listing of tenants within the unified development.
- d. Only one development directory sign shall be allowed per street frontage (per side of the street) for the unified development. Interstate frontage is considered a street frontage.
- e. Approved development directory signs shall not be converted to any other type of off-premise sign.
- f. A development directory sign approved as part of a master sign plan for a unified development of one hundred (100) acres or more fronting on an interstate highway with a 500-foot minimum may incorporate one Electronic Message Center as an integral part of a detached sign and shall have a minimum matrix area of twenty (20) square feet and a maximum matrix area of two hundred fifty (250) square feet. Such sign shall be identified on and constructed in accordance with an approved master sign plan.

5. *Project Directional Sign.* To promote the safe and efficient flow of traffic, project directional signs may be approved by the metropolitan planning commission as a part of a master sign plan (see subsection 25, above) to direct traffic from a collector or arterial street (as designated in the *Major Road Plan for Knoxville – Knox County, Tennessee*) to businesses located on the same or lower classification streets within the same unified development, subject to meeting the following:

- a. The project directional sign shall be located at the intersection of the lower classification street with the collector or arterial road and shall be oriented toward the traffic flow on the collector or arterial road.
- b. The project directional sign shall be located out of the right-of-way and shall comply with setback, sight distance and sight triangle requirements for the lot on which it is located.

c. A project directional sign shall not be located closer than 500 linear feet to any other project directional sign on the same side of the collector or arterial road. Only one project directional sign may be permitted per intersection on the same side of the collector or arterial road.

d. The project directional sign may be approved in addition to any ground or monument signs that are allowed on a specific lot.

e. Only the name and/or logo for the unified development, name and or logo of individual establishments within the unified development and a directional arrow shall be permitted on the sign face(s).

f. The project directional sign shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and a maximum surface area of thirty-six (36) square feet.

g. Approved project directional signs shall not be converted to any other type of sign.

6. *Administrative Changes.* After approval of a master sign plan by the Planning Commission, the MPC executive director, or designee, may approve a change to the signage plan administratively in instances of an increase in the size of any sign by up to ten (10) percent; provided this does not exceed the maximum sizes permitted by these regulations.

K. SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL ZONE DISTRICTS

The following regulations shall apply in all zone districts:

1. One (1) nameplate per building may be permitted with a maximum sign area of two (2) square feet for any residential building and six (6) square feet for any nonresidential building.
2. One (1) bulletin board or identification sign for public recreation uses, community facilities, hospitals, and clinics may be permitted with a maximum sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet. These signs may be allowed in addition to the maximum sign area as calculated by the controlling zone district,
3. Directional signs within a parking lot to designate entrances and exits may be permitted with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet and a maximum sign height of forty-two (42) inches. One (1) sign may be located at each entrance and exit.
4. One (1) informational sign within a parking lot identifying or designating the conditions of uses of such parking area may be permitted with a maximum sign area of twelve (12) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.
5. One (1) ground or wall sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises on which the sign is located when there are two or more lots in the development and the properties are in excess of one hundred (100) feet in width may be permitted with a maximum sign area of four (4) square feet plus one (1) square foot for each five (5) lineal feet of street frontage over one hundred (100) feet, provided that in no case may the sign exceed two hundred (200) square feet. A ground sign shall have a maximum height of twelve (12) feet.
6. One (1) ground sign advertising the sale of property in an approved subdivision and located on some portion of the subdivision may be permitted with a maximum sign area of one hundred (100) square feet and a maximum height of twelve (12) feet. Such sign may be externally illuminated, may be permitted for one (1) year, and may be renewed for additional one (1) year periods.

L. SIGNS PERMITTED BY SPECIFIC ZONE DISTRICT

1. Agricultural and Open Space zone districts (A-1, OS-1 and OS-2)
 - a. In A-1, OS-1 and OS-2 districts, nameplates and wall signs for home occupations with proper approval of the home occupation use are allowed as attached signs, with a maximum sign area of two (2) square feet.
 - b. In A-1, OS-1 and OS-2 districts, detached signs are allowed, and may include ground signs, monument signs, column signs and temporary signs as permitted within this section, subject to the following requirements:

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(1) For the purpose of advertising the sale of farm products produced on the premises there shall be permitted not more than two (2) non-illuminated signs with a maximum sign area of twelve (12) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.

(2) For a church, school or public building there shall be permitted one (1) bulletin board or identification sign per lot with a maximum sign area of twenty (20) square feet, a maximum height of eight (8) feet and shall be limited to indirect illumination.

c. In A-1, OS-1 and OS-2 districts, identification signs, detached or attached to a building, shall be permitted for public parks, playgrounds and other outdoor recreation uses with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.

2. Floodway zone districts (F-1)

a. In F-1 districts, identification signs, detached or attached to a building, shall be permitted for public parks, playgrounds and other outdoor recreation uses with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.

b. Detached identification signs shall be limited to external illumination.

3. Historic overlay zone districts (H-1)

a. In H-1 districts, one (1) information sign, detached or attached to the building, shall be permitted in connection with the use of the lot with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.

b. An information sign is allowed in addition to any other signs allowed in accordance with the underlying base zone district.

4. Residential zone districts (R-1, R-1A, R-1E, EN-1, EN-2, R-2, R-3, R-4, RP-1, RP-2, RP-3)

a. *Type of signs and dimensions allowed for residential uses.* In residential zone districts, the following signs on a residential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following dimensional requirements:

(1) For properly approved home occupations, one (1) wall sign with a maximum sign area of two (2) square feet, or one (1) ground or column sign for properly approved home occupations with a maximum sign area of two (2) square feet and a maximum height of forty-two (42) inches.

(2) Wall signs for multi-dwelling structures or developments, rooming and boarding houses, and fraternity and sorority houses with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet.

(3) Monument or column signs for multi-dwelling structures or developments on sites greater than two (2) acres, mobile home parks, and subdivisions with more than twenty-five (25) lots for residential purposes with a maximum sign area of thirty-six (36) square feet, and a maximum height of six (6) feet.

b. *Type of signs and dimensions allowed for nonresidential uses.* In residential zone districts, the following signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following dimensional requirements:

(1) For medical facilities with less than one hundred fifty (150) linear feet of street frontage, clubhouses for civic or nonprofit organizations, lodge halls, studios and day care centers for more than twelve (12) children:

(a) Non-illuminated attached signs up a maximum total sign area of sixteen (16) square feet; and

(b) One monument or column sign with a maximum sign area of twenty (20) square feet, and a maximum height of five (5) feet.

(2) For medical facilities with one hundred fifty (150) linear feet or more of street frontage, churches, schools, public buildings, cemeteries and country clubs:

(a) Non-illuminated attached signs up a maximum total sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet; and

(b) One monument or column sign with a maximum sign area of thirty-six (36) square feet, and a maximum height of six (6) feet.

(3) In the RP-1, RP-2 and RP-3 zone districts only, wall signs for each tenant where there are less than five (5) tenants within a common structure with a maximum sign area of ten (10) square feet, provided that the top of the sign shall be no more than twelve (12) feet above ground level.

(4) In the RP-3 zone districts only, one (1) detached identification signs for each structure where there are five (5) or more tenants with a maximum sign area of one hundred (100) square feet, and a maximum sign height of twelve (12) feet.

5. Office zone districts (O-1, O-2, and O-3)

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a. *Regulations for residential uses.* In office districts, regulation of signs for permitted residential uses shall be the same as for residential zone districts.

b. *Types of signs and dimensions allowed.* In office districts, the following signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following dimensional requirements:

(1) Attached signs with a total allowed sign area equal to five (5) percent of the wall area of the primary building elevation(s), provided that the sign area may be used on any elevation of the building that does not face an adjacent residential zone district and that no individual sign may exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area.

(2) One (1) detached sign is allowed per parcel or lot, subject to the following requirements:

(a) Types of detached signs are limited to monument or column signs; and

(b) For detached signs the maximum height shall be six (6) feet and the maximum sign area shall be thirty-six (36) square feet, except that adjacent to a major arterial road, expressway or interstate, as documented in the Knoxville-Knox County Major Road Plan, the maximum sign height for a detached sign shall be ten (10) feet and the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet.

6. Commercial and Industrial zone districts (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, PC-1, PC-2, SC-1, SC-2, SC-3, BP-1, I-1, I-2, I-3 and I-4)

a. *Types of signs and dimensions allowed.* In commercial and industrial districts, the following signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following dimensional requirements:

(1) Development directory and project directional signs may be approved as part of a master sign plan in accordance with the regulations at section J;

(2) Attached signs with a total allowed sign area equal to ten (10) percent of the wall area of the primary building elevation(s), and providing that the sign area may be used on any elevation of the building; and

(3) Detached signs in accordance with the standards described herein, except that standards specified for individual zone districts in Article IV shall prevail.

b. *Number and type of detached signs and dimensions allowed for secondary detached signs.* In commercial and industrial districts, the number of detached signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) One (1) detached sign is allowed per street frontage, up to a maximum of two (2) per parcel or lot. For these purposes, an adjacent interstate highway shall be considered a street frontage, even though there can be no access to it;

(2) The detached sign that is oriented to the street frontage from which the parcel is addressed shall be deemed primary and subject to the requirements of this subsection; and

(3) Any secondary detached sign on each lot shall be limited to a monument or column sign with a maximum sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet and a maximum sign height of eight (8) feet.

c. *Maximum sign heights for primary detached signs.* In commercial and industrial zone districts, the maximum sign height for primary detached signs shall be thirty (30) feet, except that the maximum sign height for primary detached signs shall be forty (40) feet for properties within five hundred (500) linear feet of a point where the center line of an intersecting street or road meets the right-of-way of an Interstate at the following interchanges:

(a) Interstate 40/75 at Lovell Road, Pellissippi Parkway/Interstate 140, Cedar Bluff Road, and Weisgarber Road/Papermill Drive/Northshore Drive;

(b) Interstate 640/75 at Clinton Highway and Western Avenue;

(c) Interstate 640 at Broadway, Washington Pike and Millertown Pike;

(d) Interstate 40 at Asheville Highway, Strawberry Plains Pike and Midway Road;

(e) Interstate 75 at Merchant Drive, Callahan Road and Emory Road; and

(f) Interstate 140 at Kingston Pike, Westland Drive, and Northshore Drive.

d. *Maximum sign area for primary detached signs.* The maximum sign area for primary detached signs shall be one hundred ninety-five (195) square feet, except that the maximum sign area for primary detached signs shall be two hundred twenty (220) square feet for properties within 500 linear feet of a point where the center line of an intersecting street or road meets the right-of-way of an Interstate at the interchanges described above in subsection c.

e. *Exceptions to the standards described above.*

(1) On parcels and lots adjacent to the interstate, a secondary detached sign, if located within one hundred (100) feet of the interstate right-of-way and if its sign faces are oriented perpendicular or radial to the interstate right-of-way is subject to the maximum height and sign area requirements for a primary detached sign.

(2) On parcels and lots adjacent to any streets or roads that are a part of the Scenic Highway System, the maximum sign height for a primary detached sign shall be ten (10) feet and the maximum sign area for a primary detached sign shall be one hundred (100) feet.

(3) In the neighborhood commercial (C-1) and pedestrian commercial (C-7) zone districts, the maximum sign area for detached signs is fifty (50) square feet.

(4) In the BP-1 zone districts, the maximum sign area for detached signs is one hundred (100) square feet and the maximum height is six (6) feet.

(5) In planned commercial, shopping, business or industrial zone district (PC-1, PC-2, SC-1, SC-2, SC-3, BP-1, and I-1), additional signs may be approved by the planning commission as part of the development plan provided that scale drawings indicate the signs will not detract from the character of the development or surrounding development and that the development plan clearly shows that because of unusual topography, building locations and relationships or developments with multiple structures, additional signs are essential to inform and direct the public.

7. Mixed Use zone districts (TC-1 and TND-1)

a. In TC-1 and TND-1 zone districts, approval of a master sign plan in accordance with subsection J is required at the time of development plan approval. Development directory and directional signs may be approved as part of the master sign plan.

(1) The types of signs shall be shown in the master sign plan for non-residential and multi-dwelling structures within a TND. These shall be outlined in relation to the proposed uses. In order to reduce visual clutter, no more than two types of signs, other than window signs, are allowed on the front face of a building.

(2) The locations of the types of signs and the landscaping around any detached signs shall be shown in the master sign plan and the development plan.

(3) Increases in dimensions of a sign of up to ten (10) percent may be approved administratively by MPC staff. Changing the text, message, design or material of sign shall not require the approval of MPC or its staff.

b. In TC-1 and TND-1 zone districts, regulations for signs for permitted residential uses shall be the same as for residential zone districts.

c. In TC-1 and TND-1 zone districts, the following signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following specified dimensional requirements:

(1) Attached signs, including arcade and hanging signs, awning and canopy signs, historic and landmark signs marquee signs, projecting signs, shingle signs, temporary signs, and wall signs with a total allowable sign area of five (5) percent of the wall area of the primary building elevations, providing that the sign area may be used on any elevation of the building. The maximum sign area for individual projecting signs shall be twelve (12) square feet; and for hanging, arcade or shingle signs, six (6) square feet.

(2) A maximum of one (1) detached sign is allowed per street frontage, up to a maximum of two (2) per parcel or lot.

(3) Detached signs, including historic and landmark signs, incidental signs (including on-site directional, directory and informational signs), monument signs, column signs, and temporary signs with a maximum sign area and height according to the following table:

TABLE L.7.1

Dimensional Standards for Detached Signs			
Number of Stories in Building	Maximum Height (feet)	Maximum Width (feet)	Maximum Sign Area (square feet)
1 to 1½ stories	4 feet	4 feet	16 sq. ft.
2 stories	5 feet	5 feet	24 sq. ft.
3 stories	6 feet	6 feet	32 sq. ft.
The height of the base of a monument sign shall not exceed 18 inches.			
The column of a column sign shall not exceed 24 inches in width nor extend more than 6 inches above the sign area.			

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N. SIGN CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

1. Sign Construction

a. *Conformity with Adopted Building Codes.* Any permanent sign erected, constructed, or placed on any property in the City of Knoxville shall conform to the latest adopted revision of the Standard Building Code.

b. *Conformity with Adopted Electric Codes.* If serviced by electric power, any permanent sign shall conform to the latest adopted revision of the National Electrical Code. Electrical materials and devices incorporated into such signs shall be certified by the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., and shall bear the ULI label, or the label of another approved testing laboratory. Temporary signs if serviced by electrical power shall conform to the latest adopted revision of the National Electrical Code.

c. *Address Required.* All permanent on-premise signs shall contain the street number of the business.

2. Sign Maintenance

a. *Premises maintenance.* All signs and surrounding premises shall be maintained by the owner thereof in a clean and sanitary condition, and free and clear of all debris, trash, litter, garbage, refuse, and weeds and in full compliance with the city's ordinances concerning lot cleanliness set forth in the Code of Ordinances Chapter 13, Article VI.

b. *Structure maintenance.* All signs, including supporting structures, shall be kept in good and safe repair and shall be maintained in good and safe condition, including the periodic application of paint and/or other weatherproofing material in order to prevent rust or other decay. The Chief Building Official, or designee, may order the removal of any sign that is not maintained in accordance with the provisions of this section. Such removal or expense incurred to assure compliance with this section shall be at the expense of the permittee or the owner of such sign.

c. *Display surface or other advertising surface maintenance.* The display surface or other advertising material of a sign shall not be allowed to deteriorate to a broken, torn, peeling, flaking or otherwise decayed condition and shall be repaired or removed within ninety (90) days of receipt of notice mailed to the owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, from the Chief Building Official ordering such repair or removal. If the owner fails to remove or alter the display surface so as to comply with the standards herein set forth within the time specified in such notice, such display advertising material may be removed or altered to comply with such notice. Such removal or expense incurred to assure compliance with this section shall be at the expense of the permittee or the owner of such sign. An appeal may be made to overcome some exceptional condition which poses practical difficulty or particular hardship in such a way as to prevent an owner from repairing the sign within ninety (90) days.

O. ABANDONED SIGNS

1. Abandoned Sign Determination

Any sign, including its supporting structure, erected in conjunction with a particular use, that use having been subsequently discontinued for a period of sixty (60) days or more, or a lawfully erected temporary sign for which the time period allowed for display of the sign has expired. Abandonment shall be presumed if, for a period of sixty (60) days or longer, the sign has not 1) advertised goods, services, facilities, events or attractions available on the premises where located, 2) identified the owner or occupant, 3) directed traffic on the premises, or 4) displayed a noncommercial message which may or may not related to an activity located on the premises. Any sign which otherwise conforms to the provisions of this Article, and by reason of the cessation of activity on the premises, becomes an off-premises sign, may be retained for a period of one year by one of the following methods:

a. *Painted Sign:* The sign shall be covered by painting over the sign area.

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b. Removable Sign Face: The sign face shall be removed and replaced with a blank insert or the sign face may be reversed.

c. Temporary Covering: The sign face may be temporarily covered by the installation of a sock or boot. If activity on the property has not resumed within a period of one (1) year, then the sign shall be presumed abandoned and shall be taken down and removed as provided herein.

2. Removal of Abandoned Signs

Any abandoned sign, now or hereafter existing, shall be taken down and removed by the owner, agent, or person having the beneficial use of the building, structure, or property upon which such sign may be found, within thirty (30) days after the written notification from the Chief Building Official, or designee. In making a determination that a sign is abandoned the building official shall consider among other factors, the existence or absence of a current occupational license for the premises, whether there are active utilities or a utilities service deposit at that location, and use of the premises. If such abandoned sign is not removed at the conclusion of such thirty (30)-day period, the Chief Building Official or designee is hereby authorized to cause the sign to be removed forthwith at the expense of the owner. For purposes of this section, the word "remove" shall mean:

a. The sign face, along with posts, columns or supports of "detached" signs, shall be taken down and removed from the property.

b. The sign face and supporting structures of "projecting", "roof", or "attached" signs shall be taken down and removed from the property.

c. The sign face of "painted attached signs" shall be removed by painting over the wall sign in such a manner as to completely cover up and hide from sight the sign in question.

P. LEGAL NONCONFORMING SIGNS

1. An owner of any off-premise or on-premise sign or structure legally existing at the time of the adoption of this amendment which does not conform to the requirements of this ordinance shall have until July 1, 1984, to register with the City Building Inspection Department for purpose of ensuring to the owner the right to continue such non-conforming use.

2. After July 1, 1984, any non-conforming sign not registered shall be considered an illegal sign. The Chief Building Official shall notify or make reasonable effort to notify the owner of the sign of such condition. If after thirty (30) days of such notification the sign has not been removed by the owner, the City, its officials, or its employees shall have the authority to enter on the private property on which the sign is located to remove such sign and/or institute appropriate action to have the sign removed. The City is further authorized to place a lien, in the amount of the removal cost, against the property upon which the illegal non-conforming sign is located.

3. Regulations for off-premise signs approved prior to 1984.

a. Size, location and structure restrictions. Off-premise signs shall be placed on a unipole structure and shall not be double-decked (either one above the other, or side by side on the same structure). The total sign area per face shall not exceed forty-eight (48) feet by fourteen (14) feet (six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet) with a twenty (20) percent nonpermanent extension, except within five hundred (500) feet of interstate arteries where the total sign area per face may be seven hundred seventy-five (775) square feet.

b. Spacing requirements - Primary and secondary arteries. No off-premise sign structure shall be established within seven hundred fifty (750) feet of any other off-premise sign structure on either side of the same street. The minimum distance between sign structures shall be measured along a straight line and shall be made between the two (2) nearest points of the structures. The minimum spacing shall apply to off-premise sign structures located on either side of the same street or highway. Official and on-premise signs as well as any other sign which does not constitute an off-premise sign structure as defined herein, shall not be counted nor shall measurements be made from them for the purpose of determining compliance with these spacing requirements.

c. Spacing requirements - Interstate arteries. No off-premise sign structure shall be established within one thousand (1,000) feet of any other off-premise sign structure on the same side of the same interstate artery. The minimum distance between sign structures shall be measured along a straight line and shall be made between the two (2) nearest points of the structures.

d. Setback requirements. All off-premise sign structures, including billboards, shall be erected in conformity with the front, side and rear yard requirements of the district in which located.

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Q. ADMINISTRATION

1. Permit Requirements

a. No sign, portable sign, outdoor display, or billboard other than signs listed in subsection E (Signs Exempt From These Regulations) and subsection F (Signs Exempt From Permit Requirement) shall be placed, operated, maintained, erected or attached to, suspended from, or supported on a building, structure or ground until a permit in writing, authorizing the same has been issued by the office of the chief building official.

b. No sign permit shall be issued to any person, firm, business, or corporate entity doing business within the City until such person, firm, business, or corporate entity has obtained and a valid business license from the City of Knoxville.

c. Before a permit may be issued, complete plans and specifications showing the construction, methods of support and the materials used shall be submitted for approval to the Sign Inspector. In addition to any other required information, such plans and specifications shall include the following:

(1) A detailed site plan of the property drawn to scale, showing all existing and proposed freestanding signs, buildings, parking areas, and driveway entrances to the site, together with all roadways and informational signs located on the right-of-way of said roadways which are located immediately adjacent to the proposed site.

(2) The total number of square feet of existing and proposed signage on the parcel where the proposed sign is to be erected.

(3) The location of all existing ground signs located within the area of the proposed site which signs are within the minimum space requirements for distances between structures as set forth in Article 5, Section 10 of the zoning ordinance of the City of Knoxville.

(4) For off-premise signs and portable signs, the name and a notarized consent affidavit of the property owner and/or lessee of the proposed site.

d. Applications shall be processed within ten (10) working days of receipt of all required documents in the sign inspector's office.

e. The sign inspector shall keep and maintain accurate records of all sign permits issued by the City, which records may serve as the basis for a comprehensive inventory of the signs within the City.

f. As of June 1, 2001, there shall be a ban on the issuance of permits for new construction of off-premise signs, including billboards, at new locations within the City of Knoxville; provided however that lawfully existing off-premise signs, including billboards, shall be nonconforming uses, as regulated by Article 6 of this ordinance.

2. Authority for Approval and Enforcement. The office of the chief building official shall have primary responsibility for the administration and enforcement of these sign regulations, and shall issue sign applications and permits for all signs located within the City of Knoxville.

3. Penalties for Violation. Penalties for violation of these regulations shall be in accordance with Article VII, Section 8 of this ordinance.

R. VARIANCES AND APPEALS

1. Variances from the terms of these regulations may be requested in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of this ordinance.

2. Appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirements, decision or determination by an administrative official in carrying out these regulations may be requested in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of this ordinance.

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A. PURPOSE	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>[Intro 2] These conditions are established as a reasonable and impartial method of regulating advertising structures and display surface area permitted, in order to insure safe construction, to insure light, air, and open space, to reduce hazards, to prevent the accumulation of trash, and to protect property values of the entire community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The purpose of this section is to create a legal framework for a comprehensive and balanced system of sign regulation that will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Implement the plans, policies, goals and objectives of the City; b. Protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and businesses of the City; c. Preserve the right of free speech and expression; d. Provide for effective communication between people within the context of their environment; e. Avoid visual clutter that may be harmful to traffic and pedestrian safety, property values, business opportunities and community appearance; f. Facilitate effective way-finding throughout the City; g. Provide clear and objective sign standards; h. Provide an efficient and effective review procedure for sign applications; and i. Enable consistent and equitable enforcement of the regulations set forth in this Section. 2. With these purposes in mind, it is the intent of this ordinance to authorize the use of signs that are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Effective in communicating with the public; b. Compatible with their surroundings; c. Legible in the circumstances in which they are seen. d. Appropriate to the activity that displays them; and e. Expressive of the identity of individual activities and the community as a whole.

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B. APPLICABILITY/SCOPE	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>[Intro 1] These regulations are applicable in zone districts without specific sign, billboard and other advertising structure requirements exclusive to the zone district. If specifically provided, the requirements in Article 4 shall prevail.</p> <p>[Intro 3) The regulations for signs, billboards, and other advertising structures are indicated below. The interpretation or nomenclature in this section shall be as defined in Article 2. The sign inspector shall have the primary responsibility for enforcement of this section.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signs may be erected, mounted, displayed or maintained in the city in conformance with the provisions of these regulations. The scope of this section, as more specifically set forth below, is to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Allow a wide variety of sign types in commercial zone districts, and a more limited variety of signs in other zone districts, subject to the standards of this section; b. Allow certain signs incidental to the principal use of a site in all zone districts subject to the standards of this section; c. Provide for temporary signs in limited circumstances; d. Prohibit signs whose location, size, type, illumination or other physical characteristics are not compatible with their surroundings and may be injurious to the public health, safety and welfare; and e. Provide for the enforcement of the provisions of this section. 2. The regulations of this section are applicable in zone districts without sign and other sign structure requirements exclusive to a specific zone district. Where sign requirements are provided in a specific zone district, the requirements of the specific zone districts in Article IV shall prevail. 3. The regulations for signs, billboards, and other sign structures are indicated below. 4. The interpretation or nomenclature in this section shall be as defined in subsection C below.

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C. DEFINITIONS

SEE EXHIBIT C

D. PROHIBITED SIGNS	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
	The following signs are prohibited in all zone districts:
[A.1] No sign shall be erected or maintained at any location where by reason of its position, wording, illumination, size, shape, or color it may obstruct, impair, obscure, interfere with the view of, or be confused with, an authorized traffic control sign, signal, or device.	1. Signs which by color, location, and/or design resemble or conflict with traffic control signs or signals.
[A.2] No sign shall contain or make use of any word, phrase, symbol, shape, form, or character in such manner as to interfere with, mislead, or confuse traffic.	2. Signs which contain or make use of any word, phrase, symbol, shape, form or character in such manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic. This does not include permitted incidental signs such as directional, directory or informational signs.
[A.3] No signs, except electronic message centers (EMC), shall have red, green, yellow, amber, or blue lights.	3. Signs which have moving parts and signs which have red, green, yellow, amber or blue lights.
[A.3] No sign shall have moving parts.	
[A.4] No sign shall have scrolling, intermittent, flashing, running or blinking lights or animated illumination except: (1) A documented historic or reproduction sign located in an H-1 (Historic Overlay) District, which has received a certificate of appropriateness from the Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission. (2) A sign within the D-1 (Downtown Design Overlay) District, which has received approval from the Downtown Design Review Board as being compatible and in character with the Downtown Design guidelines and surrounding established development.	4. Signs with flashing, chasing, pulsating, twinkling, dancing, scintillating, and/or oscillating lights or any other rotating, revolving or moving part; except for an approved, documented historic or reproduction sign located in any H-1 (Historic Overlay) zone district or an approved sign within the D-1 (Downtown Design Overlay) zone district.
[A.5] No illuminated sign shall be permitted within one hundred (100) feet of property in any residential district unless the illumination of such sign is so designed that it does not shine or reflect light onto such property.	5. Illuminated signs within one hundred (100) feet of property in any residential zone district, unless the illumination of such sign is so designed that it does not shine or reflect light onto such property within a residential zone district.
[A.14] No sign shall be placed in any public right-of-way except publicly owned signs, directional signs, and those signs approved by the city engineer.	6. Signs within the public right-of-way, except publicly owned signs, such as wayfinding signs and regulatory signs, and those signs approved by the city engineer.
[A.28] As of June 1, 2001, there shall be a ban on the issuance of permits for new construction of advertising signs, including billboards, at new locations within the city; provided however that lawfully existing advertising signs, including billboards, shall be nonconforming uses, as regulated by Article 6 of this ordinance.	7. Signs placed on a parked vehicle or trailer visible from the public right-of-way where the primary purpose is to advertise a product or direct people to a business located on the same or another property. For the purposes of this regulation, logos, identification or advertising on vehicles being operated by being moved on and off the site in the normal course of business are not prohibited.
[B.3, C.9, E.4, F-2, G.4, H.2] Billboards and other advertising signs are prohibited.	8. Billboards and other off-premise signs.
	9. Portable signs.
	10. Roof signs.
	11. Window signs that exceed twenty-five (25) percent or twenty (20) square feet, whichever is less, of the window area in which they are displayed.

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E. SIGNS EXEMPT FROM THESE REGULATIONS
PROPOSED - THIS IS VIRTUALLY ALL NEW
The following signs, unless prohibited elsewhere in these regulations, are exempt from the regulations of this chapter but may be subject to other applicable laws and regulations:
1. Signs regulated by Article IV of the City of Knoxville zoning ordinance.
2. Signs conforming to the <i>Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices</i> and bearing no commercial message.
3. Signs required by federal, state or local statute.
4. Signs installed by employees or officials of the City of Knoxville and Knox County, a state or federal agency in the course of their governmental duties and bearing no commercial message.
5. Signs necessary to promote health, safety and welfare, and other regulatory, statutory, traffic control or directional signs erected on public property with permission as appropriate from the state, the United States of America, Knox County or the City of Knoxville.
6. Signs required by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
7. Legal notices and official instruments.
8. Signs installed by public utilities in their rights-of-way or on their facilities and bearing no commercial message other than such message as necessary to identify the public utility and the use.
9. Signs installed by a transit company with a franchise or other right to operate in the City of Knoxville, where such signs are installed along its routes and relate to schedules or other information about the transit route.
10. Signs approved as part of the City of Knoxville's adopted Wayfinding program.
11. Signs carried by a person.
12. Signs incorporated into machinery or equipment by a manufacturer or distributor.
13. Signs located within a building or enclosed space that are not visible or legible from the public right-of-way or from private property or public property other than the property on which it is located.
14. Memorial signs with a maximum sign area of six (6) square feet.
15. Works of art with no advertising.
16. Holiday lights and decorations with no advertising.
17. Scoreboards and off-premise signs located on athletic fields if oriented toward the field of play.
18. Restaurant menu boards located on the premises of the restaurant when oriented toward a drive-through lane, with a maximum sign area of sixty (60) square feet and maximum height of ten (10) feet. The menu board shall be located within thirty (30) feet of the point at which orders are taken from the motor vehicle.
19. Restaurant menu displays located within ten (10) feet of a primary restaurant entrance provided the display area does not exceed four (4) square feet.
20. Official fraternal, religious or civic flags when mounted on permanent poles attached to the ground or building when located on the same site as the fraternal, religious or civic organization, institution or building.
21. Official governmental flags of the following governmental entities shall be the only official governmental flags recognized as such by the City of Knoxville: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The United States of America; b. Any state, territory, or possession of the United States of America; c. Any official flag adopted as such by the City of Knoxville and Knox County; and d. Any official flag adopted by a member state of the United Nations.
22. Decorative flags and bunting for a celebration, convention or commemoration, subject to removal within seven days following the event.
23. In residential districts, any sign of a type described below which does not exceed two square feet in area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A sign giving a property identification name or number or name(s) of occupant, one sign per lot; b. A mailbox sign (one sign per dwelling unit), and c. A sign(s) posted on property relating to private parking, trespassing or dangerous animals (limited to four (4) signs per lot if less than one acre in size)
24. Temporary signs for political purposes.
25. Temporary merchandise displays and signs behind storefront windows which are not affixed

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permanently to the glass, nor intended for permanent display.
26. Temporary or permanent signs identifying traffic-control measures on private property, such as "stop," "yield," and similar signs, the face of which meet the standards of the "Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices" and which contain no logo or commercial message of any sort and which do not exceed six square feet in area per sign.
27. Temporary signs for announcements by public or nonprofit organizations of special events or activities of interest to the general public, provided such signs are less than thirty-two square feet in area, are limited to one sign per site of such events, are erected no sooner than fourteen days before the event, and are removed within three (3) days after the event.
28. Temporary signs on vehicles displaying terms of sale.
29. Umbrella signs.
30. Signs contained on vendor push carts.

F. SIGNS EXEMPT FROM PERMIT REQUIREMENT	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
	The following signs are exempt from permit requirements, but subject to other regulations of this chapter:
<p>[L.1] No sign, portable sign, outdoor display, or billboard other than "for sale" or temporary political signs shall be placed, operated, maintained, erected or attached to, suspended from, or supported on a building, structure or ground until a permit in writing, authorizing the same has been issued by the office of the chief building official.</p> <p><u>Temporary political signs now listed as exempt from regulations</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temporary signs announcing real estate availability in residential districts which do not exceed nine (9) square feet in area per sign, which do not exceed six (6) feet in height for ground signs, and which are limited to one ground sign per street frontage and one (1) wall sign per dwelling unit. 2. Temporary signs announcing real estate availability in nonresidential districts which are less than sixty-four (64) square feet in area per sign, which do not exceed ten (10) feet in height for ground signs, and which are limited to one (1) ground sign per street frontage and one (1) wall sign per building facade if the entire building is for sale or lease or one (1) wall sign per leasable area if subunits of the building are for lease or rent. 3. Temporary signs announcing construction in residential districts which do not exceed nine (9) square feet in area and six (6) feet in height, which are limited to one (1) per lot, and which are installed after issuance of a building permit and removed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. If a sign is displayed pursuant to this section, but construction is discontinued for a period of more than sixty (60) days, the sign shall be removed, pending continuation of construction activities. 4. Temporary signs announcing construction in nonresidential districts which are less than sixty-four (64) square feet in area and ten (10) feet in height, which must be spaced at least one hundred (100) feet apart, and which are installed after issuance of a building permit and removed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Construction-related signs that

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	<p>are sixty-four (64) square feet or more in area and ten (10) feet or more in height must comply with the district requirements for a permanent sign. If a sign is displayed pursuant to this section, but construction is discontinued for a period of more than sixty days, the sign shall be removed, pending continuation of construction activities.</p> <p>5. Temporary signs announcing yard sales or real estate open houses which do not exceed six (6) square feet in area, are limited to one (1) per lot, which are erected no sooner than four (4) days before the event and are removed within two (2) days after the event. On the day of these events, and while event staff are on the site, up to two (2) flag signs, not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area, may be used to announce the event.</p> <p>6. Temporary auction signs which do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area per sign, which do not exceed ten (10) feet in height for detached signs, which are limited to one (1) per lot, and which are erected no more than thirty-one (31) days prior to the event and removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the event. On the day of these events, and while event staff are on the site, up to two (2) flag signs, not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area, may be used to announce the event.</p> <p>7. Temporary farmer's market signs erected on days of market operation. Any such sign shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in residential districts and thirty-two (32) square feet in all other districts.</p> <p>8. Sidewalk signs in the C-2, TND-1, TC-1 and SW zone districts, provided they are less than five (5) feet in height, two (2) feet in width, have a sign area less than six (6) square feet, and may be placed no closer than twenty-five (25) feet from any other sidewalk sign. Such signs cannot be located within any designated fire lane or obstruct vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic, must comply with ADA clearance and accessibility standards, must be removed from the sidewalk at the close of business each day and shall not be illuminated.</p> <p>9. Window signs which do not exceed twenty-five (25) percent or twenty (20) square feet, whichever is less, of the window area in which they are displayed.</p> <p>10. Signs showing historic or landmark status of a building, provided such signs do not exceed two (2) square feet.</p>
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G. CRITERIA FOR MEASUREMENTS	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>(a) SIGN AREA</p> <p>[A.16] The total surface area for ground or monument signs shall be measured by calculating the entire area enclosed by the perimeter of the extreme limits of the sign cabinet or module, exclusive of embellishments such as pole coverings, framing, decorating roofing, and any appurtenances required by the building code.</p> <p>[A.17] For wall signs, the total surface area shall be measured by calculating the entire area enclosed by the perimeter of the extreme limits of the sign copy including vertical and horizontal spacing between letters and logos on the sign face.</p> <p>[A.18] A sign designed to be viewed from two (2) different directions shall be considered as one (1) sign, provided that the two (2) sign faces shall not be more than forty-two (42) inches apart if parallel, nor form an angle of more than ninety (90) degrees.</p> <p>[A.27] In C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, and C-6 Commercial Districts, where more than one (1) business is located on the same lot, with a minimum street frontage of one hundred fifty (150) feet, the total allowable surface area of business ground or monuments signs shall be multiplied by 1.50. If a ground or monument sign is within a scenic highway or parkway corridor, or is allowed a maximum of four hundred (400) square feet due to its orientation to an interstate highway and its location within five hundred (500) feet of an interstate highway right-of-way, the multiplier shall be reduced from 1.50 to 1.25.</p>	<p>1. Sign Area</p> <p>a. For detached signs, the total sign area shall be measured by calculating the entire area enclosed by the perimeter of the extreme limits of the sign cabinet or module, exclusive of embellishments such as pole coverings, framing, decorating roofing, and any appurtenances required by the building code.</p> <p>b. For attached signs, the total sign area shall be measured by calculating the entire area enclosed by the perimeter of the extreme limits of the sign cabinet, or, if the sign face is not a part of a sign cabinet, the sign copy, including vertical and horizontal spacing between letters and logos on the sign face.</p> <p>c. A sign designed to be viewed from two (2) different directions shall be considered as one (1) sign, provided that the two (2) sign faces shall not be more than forty-two (42) inches apart if parallel, nor form an angle of more than ninety (90) degrees.</p> <p>d. If the attached or detached sign or sign structure is internally illuminated or back lit by any means, the entire area shall be included within the allowable sign area calculation for the site.</p>
<p>(b) SIGN HEIGHT</p> <p>[A.25] Measurements for distances and <u>heights</u> from a roadway surface shall include the roadway surface of ramps and flyovers.</p> <p>[C.2.b, C-3, C-4, D-3, D-4] ... monument sign ... shall not exceed six (6) feet in height as measured from natural or finished grade, whichever is lower; ...</p> <p>[A.25] Measurements for <u>distances</u> and heights from a roadway surface shall include the roadway surface of ramps and flyovers.</p>	<p>2. Sign Height</p> <p>a. Sign height shall be computed as the distance from the base of the sign structure to the top of the highest attached component of the sign, using as the base of the sign structure either of the following provisions providing the greatest height:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the finished grade of the property below the sign, or (2) the roadway surface at the nearest edge of pavement of the street that provides primary access to the site. <p>b. The finished grade of the property shall be construed for this purpose to be the final established grade after development, exclusive of any filling, berming, mounding or excavating primarily for the purpose of locating a sign.</p> <p>c. For detached signs subject to the provisions of subsection L.6. below on property that shares a common property line with an interstate highway or for detached signs on property that does not share a common property line but such signs are located within</p>

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	one hundred (100) feet of the right-of-way of an interstate highway, the highest interstate roadway surface as measured from the sign to the crown of the roadway surface on a line perpendicular to the interstate right-of-way, or radial to the right-of-way when the subject sign is located in proximity to a curved interstate right-of-way may be used to determine the greatest allowable height.
(c) SIGN SETBACKS AND SPACING [A.24] All distances shall be measured along a straight line between the two (2) closest points.	3. Sign Spacing a. All distances related to spacing of signs shall be measured along a straight line between the two (2) closest points of the sign structures.
	4. Primary Building Elevation For the purposes of determining maximum allowed sign area for attached signs: a. The primary building elevation shall be any elevation that faces onto a street right-of-way to which the parcel has street frontage and (1) has the principal entrance to the building, or (2) has an entry used primarily for customers or clients. b. The wall area of the primary building elevation shall be determined as follows: (1) When architectural elevations are provided that accurately and to scale depict the elevation of the structure, the wall area of the elevation shall be the area of the vertical wall surface of the building elevation exclusive of roofs, parapets and false facia; except that a parapet on the primary building elevation, if it is part of a parapet of a uniform height on three sides of a structure and of a similar and uniform building material may be included in the elevation area, but decorative parapet extensions of irregular height on one or two sides of a structure are excluded from the calculation. (2) When architectural plans are not provided, it shall be assumed that the height of the elevation of the first floor is twelve (12) feet and that the height of the elevation of all floors above the first floor is ten (10) feet per floor. The area of the elevation is then calculated based on the formula: [building length x 12 ft. (first floor)] + [building length x 10 ft. per each additional floor] = elevation area.
E. Commercial districts. 1. Within all commercial districts business signs shall be limited to: . d. For the purposes of this section canopies, gasoline pumps, and drivethrough order boards are considered part of the building.	5. Canopies Over Gasoline Pumps for Measuring Purposes For the purposes of determining maximum allowed sign area, the vertical surface of canopies over gasoline pumps may be considered as part of the wall surface of an elevation.
	6. Setback for Detached Signs. The setback shall be measured from the farthest most protrusion of the sign to the nearest point of a property line, street right-of-

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	way or edge of pavement. The interstate highway right-of-way shall be considered a side or rear lot line for the purposes of determining the minimum setback required.
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H. GENERAL SIGN STANDARDS	
EXISTING	PROPOSED
MINIMUM SETBACKS	1. Minimum Setbacks
<p>[A.11] All signs shall be located not closer than ten (10) feet to a street right-of-way line or fifteen (15) feet from the edge of pavement, whichever is greater, unless such sign is at least ten (10) feet above the ground and vision under the sign is only incidentally obstructed by supporting members, except for projecting, shingle, and awning signs in the following districts:</p> <p>(1) TND-1 (traditional neighborhood development) district must be a minimum of eight (8) feet above sidewalks in the commercial portion of the development.</p> <p>(2) H-1 (historic overlay) district and D-1 (downtown design overlay) district:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Must be a minimum of seven (7) feet above sidewalks if non-electrified.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Must be a minimum of eight (8) feet above sidewalks if electrified.</p> <p>All business signs shall be setback five (5) feet from all side and rear property lines.</p>	<p>a. All detached on-premise signs shall be set back no less than ten (10) feet from a street right-of-way or fifteen (15) from the edge of pavement, whichever is greater.</p>
Directional or information signs not exceeding nine (9) square feet in area and less than or equal to forty-two (42) inches in height may be allowed within the area required for setback from the right-of-way or pavement with the approval of the city engineer.	b. All detached on-premise signs shall be set back no less than five (5) feet from all side and rear property lines that are not also street right-of-way
MINIMUM CLEARANCE FOR PROJECING SIGNS	2. Minimum Clearance for Projecting Signs
<p>[A.19] Signs shall not project from a building a greater distance than ten (10) feet and shall maintain a clear height of ten (10) feet, except in the following districts:</p> <p>(1) TND-1 (traditional neighborhood development) district must maintain a minimum clear height of eight (8) feet in the commercial portion of the development.</p> <p>(2) H-1 (historic overlay) district and D-1 (downtown design overlay) district:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Must maintain a minimum clear height of seven (7) feet above sidewalks if non-electrified.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Must maintain a minimum clear height of eight (8) feet above sidewalks if electrified.</p> <p>Where such signs project over public property, they shall not extend closer than twenty (20) inches to the curbline.</p>	<p>a. Signs shall project from a building no more than ten (10) feet and shall maintain a minimum clear height of ten (10) feet, except in the following districts:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(1) In the TND-1 (Traditional Neighborhood Development) district, signs shall project no more than four (4) feet and shall maintain a minimum clear height of eight (8) feet in the commercial portion of the development.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(2) In the H-1 (Historic Overlay) district and D-1 (Downtown Design Overlay) district signs shall :</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Shall maintain a minimum clear height of seven (7) feet above sidewalks if non-electrified.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) Shall maintain a minimum clear height of eight (8) feet above sidewalks if electrified.</p> <p>b. Where such signs project over public property, the sign shall not extend closer than twenty (20) inches to the back of the curb of the street.</p>

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H. GENERAL SIGN STANDARDS	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
3. ILLUMINATION STANDARDS	3. Illumination Standards
[C.5] In planned residential districts, no exposed light source shall be permitted.	<p>Sign illumination shall meet the following standards:</p> <p>a. General Requirements.</p> <p>(1) In residential zone districts internal sign illumination shall be prohibited. Signs may be externally illuminated, provided no light source exceeds seventy-five (75) footcandles of surface illumination nor is visible from streets or adjacent property;</p> <p>(2) In nonresidential zone districts internally illuminated signs shall not exceed two hundred (200) foot-lamberts and externally illuminated signs shall not exceed seventy-five (75) footcandles of surface illumination;</p> <p>(3) In all office districts, illuminated attached signs shall be limited to the building façade facing a street that is adjacent to the property and illuminated detached signs shall be limited to locations between the building and a street that is adjacent to the property.</p> <p>b. External Illumination. Externally illuminated signs shall be shielded from adjacent buildings and streets, and shall not cause glare or other nuisances to adjacent land uses or traffic. Projecting light fixtures used for externally illuminated signs must not obscure the sign.</p> <p>c. Internal Illumination. Internal illumination shall provide steady, stationary lighting through translucent materials.</p> <p>d. All electrical wiring to detached signs shall be placed underground. Electrical wiring to attached signs shall be concealed from public view.</p>
[C.10] Signs permitted in residential districts may be indirectly illuminated, provided that no light source shall be visible from the public right of way or adjacent properties. Direct sign illumination is prohibited in residential districts.	
[D.5] Direct sign illumination shall be prohibited in O-1, O-2, and O-3 districts. Unless sign illumination is specifically prohibited by the regulations, signs may be indirectly illuminated, provided that no light source is visible from the public right-of-way or adjacent properties.	
[E.10] All illuminated signs within the C-6 district shall have no exposed bulbs. Luminous background signs shall not exceed two hundred (200) foot-lamberts and indirect illuminated signs shall not exceed seventy-five (75) [foot] candles of surface illumination.	
	4. Sight Triangle Requirements
	<p>Detached signs shall be located so that no part of the sign structure, including the sign cabinet or sign face, shall encroach within a sight triangle as follows:</p> <p>a. At the intersection of two public streets the sight triangle shall have lengths along the property line of no less than twenty-five (25) feet; and</p> <p>b. At the intersection of a public street and a private commercial driveway or joint permanent easement connection to that street the sight triangle shall have lengths along the edge of pavement of no less than fifteen (15) feet, provided that the required setback from the public street shall also be provided.</p>
	5 Landscape Requirements for Detached Signs
	For all detached signs located within the front yard of a property, a landscape area shall be provided and maintained around the base or support structure of the

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	detached sign. Plant material used in the landscape area shall not have a mature height of greater than forty-two (42) inches in height. For the purpose of these regulations a landscape area shall be an area reserved for the addition or augmentation of shrubs, plants, turf grasses and other natural and decorative features.
	6. Covering of posts, poles, uprights and braces on detached signs.
	All posts, poles, uprights, braces or any other supporting structure a part of a detached sign shall be covered with material complementary to the construction of the principal building or structure on the parcel or lot, and completed with a square or rectangular perimeter footprint.

I. STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC SIGNS	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
1. LOCATION AND DIMENSIONS OF SIGNS NEAR SCENIC HIGHWAYS AND PARKWAYS	1. Detached Signs Near Intersections of Interstate Highways and the Scenic Highway System.
[A.9] No advertising signs shall be located within two thousand (2,000) feet of any road or highway in the City of Knoxville which is designated part of the State of Tennessee Scenic Highway System.	With proposed dimensional standards for signs adjacent to scenic highways and parkways, there is no longer a need for these provisions.
[A.10] A ground or monument sign shall not be located within two thousand (2,000) feet of the right-of-way of a scenic highway or scenic parkway unless such sign is one hundred ninety-five (195) square feet or less in surface area and is thirty-five (35) feet or less in height. The foregoing restriction shall not apply to those signs located within a two-thousand-foot radius from an intersection of the scenic highway and/or scenic parkway system and an interstate highway system. Height shall be measured as follows: Sign locations above or even with the surface of the scenic highway or scenic parkway shall be measured from the grade level at the base of the sign to the top of the sign. Sign locations below the surface of a scenic highway or scenic parkway shall be measured from the surface of the scenic highway or scenic parkway to the top of the sign.	
[A.7] No ground or monument sign shall be erected to exceed a height of fifty (50) feet provided, however, that where such sign is located within five hundred (500) feet of the right-of-way of an interstate highway, the height limit of the district may be exceeded so the bottom of such sign shall be not more than twenty (20) feet above the surface of the interstate highway. This provision does not apply, and Section 8b shall apply where the sign location is (i) within two thousand (2,000) feet of the right-of-way of a scenic highway or scenic parkway, and (ii) outside of a two thousand (2,000) foot radius from any intersection of the scenic highway and/or scenic parkway system and an	

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interstate highway system.	
[A.26] All signs shall be located on a site plan provided to sign inspector at the time of application with certification stating (1) whether the sign is or is not within two thousand (2,000) feet of the right-of-way of a scenic highway or scenic parkway, and (2) whether the sign is outside of a two-thousand-foot radius from any intersection of the scenic highway and/or scenic parkway system and an interstate highway system.	
1. SIDEWALK SIGNS	1. Sidewalk Signs
	Sidewalk signs are allowed only in the C-2, TND-1, TC-1 and form districts, provided they are less than five (5) feet in height, two (2) feet in width, have a sign area less than six (6) square feet, and may be placed no closer than twenty-five (25) feet from any other sidewalk sign. A sidewalk sign shall be placed on the ground or paved surface and may be placed on a sidewalk within public right-of-way or public property within fifteen (15) feet of the entry to a business or outdoor space associated with the business. Such signs cannot be located within any designated fire lane or obstruct vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic, must comply with ADA clearance and accessibility standards, must be removed from the sidewalk at the close of business each day and shall not be illuminated. A sidewalk sign cannot be illuminated or contain an electronic message center or any moving parts
2. TEMPORARY SIGNS	2. Temporary Signs Subject to Permit Requirements
[A.12] Temporary signs shall not be erected or otherwise fixed to any pole, tree, stone, fence, building, structure or any object within the right-of-way of any street. No temporary sign shall be erected at the intersection of any street in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal, or device, or located in any required parking space. Each business may erect or post a temporary sign on two (2) occasions during each calendar year, provided that each such occurrence does not exceed thirty (30) days in duration. Any sign posted for a longer period must meet the requirements for a permanent portable sign. No temporary sign shall exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet in area. Notwithstanding any provision in this section or any other section of this ordinance to the contrary, any business situated or located within zoning districts C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, I-2, I-3, and I-4 may place one (1), but not more than one (1) temporary sign on the property owned or leased by them and used for that business, in addition to any other signs that are permitted or allowed in those zoning districts; provided, that all such signs shall comply with the applicable setback and parking requirements, electrical code, and safety requirements. A portable sign may be considered or utilized as a temporary sign.	<p>a. Temporary signs shall not be erected or otherwise fixed to any pole, tree, stone, fence, building, structure or any object within the right-of-way of any street.</p> <p>b. No temporary sign shall be erected at the intersection of any street in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal, or device or located in any required parking space.</p> <p>c. Each business may erect or post one (1) attached or one (1) detached temporary sign on up to four (4) occasions during each calendar year, provided that each such occurrence does not exceed fifteen (15) days in duration for each occurrence. Any sign posted for a longer period must meet the requirements for a permanent detached sign.</p> <p>d. No temporary sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.</p> <p>e. A temporary sign shall comply with the applicable setback and parking requirements, electrical code and safety requirements.</p>

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[A.13] A temporary sign shall not be suspended across public streets or other public places.	f. A temporary sign shall not be suspended across or above public streets or other public places.
3. PORTABLE SIGNS	3. PORTABLE SIGNS
[M.2] No person shall install or maintain, cause to be installed or maintained or permit to be installed or maintained any portable sign in violation of this ordinance.	This section deleted. Portable Signs are now listed as prohibited signs.
[M.4] No portable sign shall be used as an advertising (off-premise) sign.	
[M.5] No portable sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.	
[A.21] A portable sign may be considered a permanent sign, subject to signage allotment requirements, provided that it is securely affixed to the ground or other surface, if serviced by electrical power, conforms to the latest adopted revision of the National Electrical Code.	
[M.1] Any person, either owner or lessee, who fails to act in accordance with the provision of this section may be required to remove the portable sign within the time hereinafter provided.	
[M.3] Any portable sign that continues to be maintained in violation of the provisions of this ordinance after having been previously cited for a violation, shall be subject to removal from the premises if not brought into compliance within twenty-four (24) hours of notification to the owner or lessee, if any, of the sign or their representatives. For purpose of notice, any sign company or owner having their place of business or residence outside the City limits shall designate a person or means of giving personal notice by telephone or delivery within the corporate limits of the City of Knoxville.	
[M2] Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be issued a citation and upon conviction be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense, with each day of violation constituting a separate offense.	
	3. Awning and Canopy Signs.
	<p>a. The sign area for awning and canopy signs shall be subject to the maximum sign area calculated for all attached signs in accordance with section L of these regulations. The surface area of awnings and canopies, except for canopies over gasoline pumps as described in section G.5 above, shall not be calculated in the total area of a primary building elevation for the purposes of determining maximum allowed sign area for attached signs.</p> <p>b. The canopy sign shall not extend above the highest point of the canopy upon which it is attached or two (2) feet, whichever is greater.</p>

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J. STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC SIGNS	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
4. INCIDENTAL SIGNS ON LARGE SITES	4. Incidental Signs on Large Sites
This section remains intact.	<p>a. <i>Purpose.</i> Incidental signs on large sites are for the purpose of an occupant, or occupants, of a lot or parcel to convey on a permanent basis directions or information for the safety and convenience of visitors for the use, or restriction of use, of a lot or parcel.</p> <p>b. <i>Administrative Procedures.</i> Incidental signs on large sites may be allowed by permit upon receipt and approval by the building official or his/her designee of a site plan showing all incidental signs for the site. Incidental signs on large sites are exempt from the maximum sign area requirements of Article V, Section 10.</p> <p>c. <i>Application Requirements.</i> Plans shall be submitted for review and consideration by City of Knoxville Plans Review and Inspections office, and shall include the following information in the application package:</p> <p>(1) An application and a consent form signed by the property owner(s) of the subject site.</p> <p>(2) A scaled site plan showing the location and dimensions of all property lines, rights-of-way, easements, improvements (buildings, driveways, street access points, etc.) within the site, the location of all existing and proposed signs, and if required pursuant to other provisions of this section, building elevations showing all building signs.</p> <p>(3) The site plan must show the location, dimensions and construction details for all proposed incidental signs, and include sign illumination details and landscaping plans.</p> <p>(4) A table identifying each sign, the overall dimensions of each sign, and the sign area of each sign must be a part of the site plan.</p> <p>(5) The minimum size of a site eligible for consideration as a large site shall be a single lot or parcel, or several contiguous lots or parcels, of no less than two and one-half (2.5) acres.</p> <p>d. <i>Incidental Sign Standards.</i> Incidental signs on large sites are permitted subject to the following standards:</p> <p>(1) Classification of signs permitted. Directional signs, information signs, and/or on-site directory signs may be permitted as incidental signs on large sites.</p> <p>(2) Types of signs permitted. Wall, window, monument or column signs may be permitted as incidental signs on large sites.</p> <p>(3) Exempt from other sign area requirements. Signs approved as incidental signs on large sites are exempt from the maximum sign area allowed for a lot or building and shall not count as one of the wall, window, monument or column signs permitted by other provisions of Article V, Section 10.</p> <p>(4) Number of signs. The number of incidental signs permitted per lot or parcel shall be in accordance with the site plan submitted and approved by the building official.</p> <p>(5) Maximum sign area. The maximum sign area for any directional, information or on-site directory sign approved as part of a site plan of incidental signs on large sites shall be sixteen (16) square feet. An area not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the approved sign area may be devoted to a name or logo of a business, use or place.</p> <p>(6) Maximum sign height for monument and column signs. The maximum height of monument or column signs used as incidental signs on large sites shall be six (6) feet.</p> <p>(7) Setbacks. Incidental signs on large sites shall be located not closer than</p>

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	<p>ten (10) feet to a street right-of-way line or fifteen (15) feet from the edge of street pavement, whichever is greater, not closer than two (2) feet from any internal driveway or parking lot, and not closer than five (5) feet from any side or rear property line.</p> <p>(8) Illumination. Incidental signs on large sites shall be subject to the standards for illumination in accordance with the zone district of the lot or parcel.</p> <p>(9) Once approved as part of a site plan of incidental signs on a large site, conversion of a directional, information or on-site directory sign to an off-premise sign without proper approvals is prohibited.</p>
5. LANDMARK AND HISTORIC SIGNS	5. Landmark and Historic Signs
This section remains intact	<p>a. The purpose of these regulations is to promote the protection of nonconforming signs that represent important aspects of the City's heritage, to enhance the character of the community by considering such signs during development, and to assist owner(s) in the preservation and restoration of their signs.</p> <p>b. Landmark Signs. The purpose of designating a sign as a landmark sign is to encourage the restoration and retention of on-premise, nonconforming signs that are historically significant. Once designated as a landmark sign, the sign shall be considered to be in compliance with any zoning regulations and will be exempt from regulations of Article V, Section 10, except as stated herein.</p> <p>(1) Designation Criteria. The Building Official, upon receiving a report of recommendation from the Historic Zoning Commission, may designate an existing on-premises sign as a landmark sign if it meets the following criteria:</p> <p>(a) The sign has been in continuous existence at the present location for at least 50 years.</p> <p>(b) The sign is an on-premise sign, which meets at least four (4) of the following criteria:</p> <p>(i) It was expressly designed for the business, institution, or other establishments at that location; or</p> <p>(ii) A national or local emblem, logo, or other graphic that is unique to the property or the establishment is an integral part of the sign structure; or</p> <p>(iii) The sign exhibits unique or rare characteristics that enhance the streetscape or identity of a neighborhood; or</p> <p>(iv) The sign is significant as evidence of the history of the product, business or service advertised; or</p> <p>(v) The sign is characteristic of a specific historic period; or</p> <p>(vi) The sign is integral to the building's design or physical fabric; or</p> <p>(vii) The sign represents an outstanding example of the sign maker's art due to craftsmanship, use of materials or design.</p> <p>(c) The sign complies with the appropriate provisions of the state and local building and electrical codes.</p> <p>(d) The sign is structurally safe or is capable of being made so without substantially altering its historical significance.</p> <p>c. Historic Signs. The restoration and retention of nonconforming, historically significant signs that have been removed from original locations and are to be reused is encouraged. Allowing these signs to move to other locations within the community may be necessary to ensure preservation. Once designated as a historic sign, certain nonconforming aspects of the sign shall be considered to be in compliance with the zoning regulations and will be exempt from regulations of Article V, Section 10, except as stated herein.</p> <p>(1) Designation Criteria. The Building Official, upon receiving a report of recommendation from the Historic Zoning Commission, may designate an existing</p>

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	<p>sign as a historic sign if it meets the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The sign must be at least 50 years old. (b) The sign must meet at least three (3) of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A national or local emblem, logo, or other graphic that is unique to a property or establishment is an integral part of the design of the sign structure; or (ii) The sign exhibits unique or rare characteristics that enhance the streetscape or identity of a neighborhood; or (iii) The sign is significant as evidence of the history of the product, business or service advertised; or (iv) The sign is characteristic of a specific historic period; or (v) The sign represents an outstanding example of the sign maker's art due to craftsmanship, use of materials or design. (c) The sign complies with the appropriate provisions of the state and local building and electrical codes. (d) The sign is structurally safe or is capable of being made so without substantially altering its historical significance. <p>d. Landmark and Historic Sign Administrative Procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Review and Recommendation by Historic Zoning Commission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Authorized Applicants. Any member of City Council, the Mayor or his/her representative, the property owner of the parcel where a proposed landmark sign is located, or the owner of the site where a proposed historic sign is to be relocated, may apply for designation of an existing sign as a landmark or historic sign. (b) Applications and Fees Submitted to MPC. Such application shall be submitted to and on a form determined by the MPC as support to the City of Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission, accompanied by a fee as established by the MPC. (c) Required Information on Application. At the time of the filing of an application for designation of a sign, the applicant must file all necessary information in order for the Historic Zoning Commission to determine if the sign meets the criteria for the requested designation and make a recommendation. The staff of the MPC or the Historic Zoning Commission has the authority to request whatever other information is necessary in order to make a decision. The burden of proof for meeting the criteria is upon the applicant. (d) Public Notice and Hearing. Prior to consideration of the application at a meeting of the Historic Zoning Commission, MPC shall provide notice of the public hearing in accordance with the administrative rules of the Historic Zoning Commission. (e) Authority of the Historic Zoning Commission. After consideration of the application at a public hearing, the City of Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission shall have the authority to make a recommendation to approve or disapprove the designation of an existing sign as a landmark or historic sign upon consideration of the criteria stated above. (f) Report on Action. In recommending approval or disapproval of a landmark or historic sign designation, the Historic Zoning Commission shall state the reasons for the decision in a report to the Building Official. Such report shall include the application and any supporting material considered by the Historic Zoning Commission and minutes of the meeting. (2) Designation as a landmark or historic sign. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Consideration of recommendation of Historic Zoning Commission. The Building Official shall take into account the recommendation of the Historic
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	<p>Zoning Commission in making a decision on the designation of an existing sign as a landmark or historic sign.</p> <p>(b) Approval Authority. The Building Official shall have the authority to approve or disapprove the designation of an existing sign as a landmark or historic sign based upon the criteria stated above.</p> <p>(c) Rationale for Approval. In approving or disapproving a landmark or historic sign application, the Building Official shall state the reasons in writing.</p> <p>(d) Appeals. An appeal of the Building Official's decision must be properly filed in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance at Article VII, Section 1(C).</p> <p>(e) Maintenance of a Landmark and Historic Sign Inventory. Once a sign has been designation as a landmark or historic sign, the Building Official shall add the sign to its records and send notice of the action taken to the Historic Zoning Commission and to the applicant.</p> <p>(3) Issuing of Permits.</p> <p>(a) Authorized Applicants. The property owner of the parcel where a proposed landmark sign is located, or the owner of the site where a proposed historic sign is to be relocated, may apply for approval of a permit to restore; repair, move and replace a landmark sign; or remove, repair and move to another location a historic sign, provided said signs are designated as landmark or historic signs.</p> <p>(b) Applications Submitted to Department of Plans Review and Inspections. Such application shall be submitted to and on a form determined by the Department of Plans Review and Inspections.</p> <p>(c) Required Information on Application. At the time of the filing of an application for a permit for a sign designated as a landmark or historic sign, the applicant must file all necessary information in order for the Building Official to determine if the proposed work on the sign will meet the intent of this ordinance. The Building Official has the authority to request whatever other information is necessary in order to make a decision. The burden of proof for meeting the criteria is upon the applicant.</p> <p>(d) Approval Authority. The City of Knoxville Building Official shall have the authority, in accordance with Article V, Section 10(L), (N) and (O), to approve or deny a permit to restore; repair, and remove and replace a landmark sign; or remove, repair and move to another location a historic sign.</p> <p>(e) Exempt Work. Owners may voluntarily remove a sign once designated as a landmark or historic sign, provided such sign is not within a designated Historic Overlay (H-1) zone district, and provided that the owner of the sign notifies the Department of Plans Review and Inspections of such action. After such notification, the sign will be removed from the Landmark and Historic Sign Inventory by the Building Official.</p> <p>e. Landmark and Historic Sign Regulations.</p> <p>(1) Landmark Sign Location. If a landmark sign is moved on-premise, it shall be subject to the location regulations of this ordinance.</p> <p>(2) Landmark Sign Use Agreement Required. If any portion of a landmark sign is permitted to remain in or over a public right-of-way, a City or State use or encroachment agreement shall be executed.</p> <p>(3) Historic Sign Location. An historic sign may be moved to another location on the site where it is currently located or to another property. It is encouraged that the sign be relocated to a site within the area from which it originated. The receiving site must be located within a nonresidential zone district or mixed-use form district which allows commercial signs.</p> <p>(4) Nonconforming Aspects of Historic Signs. Relocated historic signs that are</p>
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	<p>nonconforming based on their size, height, animation, moving parts, or moving, flashing, color or type of lighting do not have to be brought into conformance. However, relocated signs may not move further out of conformance by any physical alterations to the sign. The lighting of such signs shall be located, screened, or shielded so that abutting lots located in any residential district are not directly illuminated and do not cause glare or impair the vision of motorists. All other regulations shall apply with the following exceptions:</p> <p>(a) Projecting signs may extend beyond the maximum projecting dimension based upon the existing dimension of the sign.</p> <p>(b) Roof signs and flashing, fluttering, swinging, and rotating signs, which may be currently prohibited, may be relocated and maintain the prohibited characteristics provided such features contribute to the historic or cultural character of the sign and are in keeping with the surrounding area.</p>				
6. ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTERS	6. Electronic Message Centers				
This section remains intact	<p>Within all zone districts the following regulations shall apply to Electronic Message Centers (EMC).</p> <p>a. EMCs legally existing on April 10, 2009, shall be allowed to continue operation subject to meeting the operational standards as required by subsection (m) herein. After April 10, 2009, no EMC shall be permitted in any location except in the following instances:</p> <p>(1) An EMC may be permitted in those areas covered by an H-1 overlay district subject to approval as required within an H-1 district.</p> <p>(2) An EMC may be permitted in those areas covered by a D-1 overlay district subject to approval as required within a D-1 district.</p> <p>(3) An EMC may be permitted in those specific zone districts that allow EMCs with approved design regulations or guidelines subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory body for such district.</p> <p>(4) An EMC may be permitted as a changeable price sign subject to the requirements of subsection I.7 below.</p> <p>b. No EMC shall be erected or used by a business unless any existing changeable letter reader board is first removed from the parcel.</p> <p>c. An EMC shall be included in the total signage permitted on the parcel.</p> <p>d. An EMC shall be permitted as a wall sign, or an integrated part of the total sign surface of a free standing on-premise sign. For purposes of this section, integrated into the total sign surface of a free standing on-premise sign shall mean an EMC cabinet contained within or contiguous to the smallest, simple polygon enclosing all of the non-electronic advertising content of a sign.</p> <p>e. An EMC permitted as part of a ground or monument sign shall have a minimum matrix area of twenty (20) square feet and a maximum size of one third (1/3) of the total signage permitted or one hundred (100) square feet, whichever is less.</p> <p>f. An EMC permitted as a wall sign shall not exceed one hundred (100) sq. ft. maximum.</p> <p>g. Each display on an EMC shall hold constant for a minimum of sixty (60) seconds.</p> <p>h. An EMC shall not display light of such intensity or brightness to cause glare. An EMC must be equipped with an automatic dimmer device and controlled by a light detector. It is the responsibility of the sign owner to demonstrate compliance with brightness/intensity and dimming settings. Brightness, also known as intensity, shall be measured in candelas per square meter, which is also referred to as nits, and shall not exceed the following standards:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Daytime maximum brightness</td><td style="text-align: right;">3,000 nits</td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Nighttime maximum brightness</td><td style="text-align: right;">750 nits</td></tr> </table>	Daytime maximum brightness	3,000 nits	Nighttime maximum brightness	750 nits
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	Maximum brightness at the property line	0.2 footcandles
	Maximum bulb wattage for incandescent light	40 watts
	i. No electronic message center (EMC) shall be permitted in any location which is zoned C-1.	
	j. The images and messages displayed must be static. The images and messages displayed must be complete in themselves, without continuation in content to the next image or message or to any other sign.	
	k. The transition from one display to another must be instantaneous without any special effects.	
	l. Every line of text in an EMC shall meet or exceed the following standards:	
	Designated Speed Limit	Minimum Text Size
	<u>on Frontage Road (in MPH)</u>	<u>(in Inches)</u>
	25 to 34	7
	35 to 44	9
	45 to 54	12
	55 and above	15
	If there is insufficient room for text of this size in the area allowed under clause 5 above, then no text is allowed.	
	m. All EMCs legally existing on [the effective date of this ordinance], must comply with the operational standards listed in subsections g, h, j, k, and l above. A legally existing EMC that cannot meet the minimum text size requirement in subsection l above must use the largest size possible for one line of text to fit in the available space.	

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I. STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC SIGNS	
EXISTING	PROPOSED
7. CHANGEABLE PRICE SIGNS	7. Changeable Price Signs
<p>[E.a]An EMC may be used as a changeable price sign subject to the following:</p> <p>(a) For the purposes of these regulations a changeable price sign is one that shows a product or service, such as fuel or hotel/motel room rates as an unchanging element of the sign and shall not be included as part of the EMC with only the price as part of the EMC and only the price is changeable.</p> <p>(b) Changeable price signs shall be limited to parcels with a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) feet of frontage on the street where the property is addressed.</p> <p>(c) Changeable price signs shall be integrated into a business ground sign or monument sign or be placed on a canopy or wall in accordance with these regulations,</p> <p>(d) Changeable price signs shall be limited to three (3) per sign structure.</p> <p>(e) The minimum matrix area of each changeable price sign shall be six (6) square feet and the maximum shall be twenty-five (25) square feet per changeable price sign.</p> <p>(f) Each changeable price sign on a parcel shall be counted toward the total allowable signage allowed per parcel.</p>	<p>(a) Changeable price signs shall be limited to parcels with a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) feet of frontage on the street where the property is addressed.</p> <p>(b) Each changeable price sign on a parcel shall be counted toward the total allowable signage allowed per parcel.</p> <p>(c) Changeable price signs shall be integrated into a detached on-premise sign or be placed on a canopy or wall in accordance with these regulations,</p> <p>(d) Changeable price signs shall be limited to three (3) per detached sign structure or three (3) per building or canopy face.</p> <p>(e) An EMC may be integrated into a changeable price sign subject to the following:</p> <p>(1) The EMC component shall be used only for the price component, where only the price is changeable.</p> <p>(2) The minimum matrix area of each EMC component of a changeable price sign shall be six (6) square feet and the maximum shall be twenty-five (25) square feet per changeable price sign.</p>
[E.3.n.]An EMC used as a changeable price sign shall be integrated into a business ground sign or monument sign or be placed on a canopy or wall in accordance with these regulations.	
[E.3.n.] For the purposes of these regulations a changeable price sign is one that shows a product or service, such as fuel or hotel/motel room rates as an unchanging element of the sign and only the price is changeable.	

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J. MASTER SIGN PLANS	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>[A.29] This section remains intact except for minor editing.</p>	<p>1. <i>Purpose.</i> For the purpose of providing flexibility and incentives for coordinated, well designed sign systems for shopping centers, commercial subdivisions, office parks and other large scale commercial and mixed use developments, a master signage plan is required for certain signs identified within Article 5, Section 10, and sign systems within the TC-1 (Town Center) district. A master sign plan will promote the use of signs which are aesthetically pleasing, of appropriate scale, and integrated with surrounding buildings and landscape, in order to meet the community's expressed desire for quality development consistent with the property's land use designation.</p> <p>2. <i>Application Requirements.</i> Master sign plans required pursuant to other provisions of this ordinance shall be submitted for review and consideration by the Metropolitan Planning Commission as a use permitted on review, and shall include the following information in the application package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Master sign plan application and a consent form signed by all the property owner(s), or owners' representatives, for the unified development under consideration. b. A site plan showing the location and dimensions of all property lines, rights-of-way, easements, improvements (buildings, driveways, street access points, etc.) within the unified development, the location of all existing and proposed signs, and if required pursuant to other provisions of this ordinance, building elevations showing all building signs. c. Scale drawings showing the dimensions and construction details for all proposed signs including sign illumination and landscaping plans. d. Computation of the maximum total sign area, the maximum area for individual signs, the height of signs and the number of freestanding signs allowed on the lots included in the unified development under consideration. e. A copy of any sign restrictions proposed or implemented for the unified development. f. Documentation including an accurate site plan for the development shall be provided showing that the development was approved as a shopping center, commercial subdivision, office park, or, mixed use development within the TC-1 (Town Center) district. The development may be located on both sides of a street or streets if it is determined by the Metropolitan Planning Commission that it functions as a unified development. g. The minimum size of a development eligible for consideration as a unified development shall be twenty-five thousand 25,000 square feet of gross floor area and must contain three (3) or more businesses or tenants. h. For the purposes of approving a master sign plan, the Metropolitan Planning Commission shall determine the boundaries of the unified development based on the application and evidence submitted in support of the application. i. The approved signs shall be located on property within the area defined by the Metropolitan Planning Commission as the unified development.

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<p>[A.29] This section remains intact except for minor editing</p>	<p>3. <i>Administrative Procedures.</i> Master Sign Plans shall be reviewed by the Metropolitan Planning Commission as a Use Permitted on Review. A Master Sign Plan may also be included as part of a development plan or use permitted on review application for a shopping center, commercial subdivision, office park or similar development. The Metropolitan Planning Commission may approve, modify or deny the request. All applications for sign permits in an area with an approved Master Sign Plan shall be in conformance with the Plan. Since approval of Master Sign Plan is a privilege and not a right, variances from the sign standards of Article 5, Section 10, shall not be granted for development directory signs or project directional signs. When a Master Sign Plan has been approved, variances shall not be granted for any signs on a lot covered by the Master Sign Plan. The action of the Planning Commission may be appealed as provided in Article 7, Section 6F.</p> <p>4. <i>Development Directory Sign.</i> To encourage coordinated, well designed sign systems that allow sufficient identification of businesses within unified developments in a manner which promotes traffic safety and avoids visual blight, development directory signs may be approved by the metropolitan planning commission as a part of a master sign plan (see subsection 25, above) subject to meeting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The development directory sign shall meet the requirements of Section L of these regulations for a detached sign in a commercial or industrial zone district. b. The development directory sign shall count as one of the detached signs permitted pursuant to these regulations for the lot on which the sign will be located. If the maximum number of on-premise detached signs and/or the maximum surface area is already met or exceeded on a lot proposed for a development directory sign, the number of signs and/or surface area must be reduced so that the addition of the development directory sign would put the signs on the lot in conformance with the maximum limitations. c. Only the name and/or logo for the unified development and the names and/or logos of individual establishments within the unified development shall be permitted on the sign face(s). The name of the unified development shall be located at the top of the sign and shall be designed to stand out from the listing of tenants within the unified development. d. Only one development directory sign shall be allowed per street frontage (per side of the street) for the unified development. Interstate frontage is considered a street frontage. e. Approved development directory signs shall not be converted to any other type of off-premise sign. f. A development directory sign approved as part of a master sign plan for a unified development of one hundred (100) acres or more fronting on an interstate highway with a 500-foot minimum may incorporate one Electronic Message Center as an integral part of a on-premise detached sign and shall have a minimum matrix area of twenty (20) square feet and a maximum matrix area of two hundred fifty (250) square feet. Such sign shall be identified on and constructed in accordance with an approved master sign plan.

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CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>[A.29] This section remains intact except for minor editing</p>	<p>5. <i>Project Directional Sign.</i> To promote the safe and efficient flow of traffic, project directional signs may be approved by the metropolitan planning commission as a part of a master sign plan (see subsection 25, above) to direct traffic from a collector or arterial street (as designated in the <i>Major Road Plan for Knoxville – Knox County, Tennessee</i>) to businesses located on the same or lower classification streets within the same unified development, subject to meeting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The project directional sign shall be located at the intersection of the lower classification street with the collector or arterial street and shall be oriented toward the traffic flow on the collector or arterial street. b. The project directional sign shall be located out of the right-of-way and shall comply with setback, sight distance and sight triangle requirements for the lot on which it is located. c. A project directional sign shall not be located closer than 500 linear feet to any other project directional sign on the same side of the collector or arterial street. Only one project directional sign may be permitted per intersection on the same side of the collector or arterial street. d. The project directional sign may be approved in addition to any ground or monument signs that are allowed on a specific lot. e. Only the name and/or logo for the unified development, name and or logo of individual establishments within the unified development and a directional arrow shall be permitted on the sign face(s). f. The project directional sign shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and a maximum surface area of thirty-six (36) square feet. g. Approved project directional signs shall not be converted to any other type of sign. <p>6. <i>Administrative Changes.</i> After approval of a master sign plan by the Planning Commission, the MPC executive director, or designee, may approve a change to the signage plan administratively in instances of an increase in the size of any sign by up to ten (10) percent; provided this does not exceed the maximum sizes permitted by these regulations.</p>

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K. SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL ZONE DISTRICTS	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
	The following regulations shall apply in all zone districts:
[J.1] Within a parking lot, one (1) directional sign, not more than nine (9) square feet in area and forty-two (42) inches in height, may be placed to designate each entrance to or exit from such parking area; and one (1) informational sign, not more than twelve (12) square feet in area and six (6) feet in height, identifying or designating the conditions of uses of such parking area.	1. One (1) nameplate per building in with a maximum sign area of two (2) square feet for any residential building and six (6) square feet for any nonresidential building.
[J.2] One (1) non-illuminated "for sale" or "for rent" sign not exceeding four (4) square feet in area and advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises on which the sign is located. <u>[THIS PROVISION NOW LISTED AS EXEMPT FROM PERMITTING]</u> A larger sign shall be permitted for two (2) or more lots in single ownership or for properties in excess of one hundred (100) feet in width provided that the area of such sign shall be increased on a graded scale of one (1) square foot increase in area for each additional five (5) feet of frontage over one hundred (100) feet, but in no case shall the sign exceed in the aggregate two hundred (200) square feet. Such sign shall be a ground or wall sign and located not closer than twenty (20) feet from the street line.	2. One (1) bulletin board or identification sign for public recreation uses, community facilities, hospitals, and clinics with a maximum sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet. These signs shall be allowed in addition to the maximum sign area as calculated by the controlling zone district,
[J.3] For each real estate subdivision that has been approved in accordance with the Subdivision Regulations of the City one (1) sign, not over one hundred (100) square feet in area, advertising the sale of property in such subdivision. Such sign shall be permitted only when located on some portion of the subdivision being advertised for sale and shall not encroach upon any required yard. Such sign may be illuminated. Such sign shall be maintained only during such time as such sign shall be issued for a one-year period and may be renewed for additional one-year periods.	3. Directional signs within a parking lot to designate entrances and exits with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet and a maximum sign height of forty-two (42) inches. One (1) sign may be located at each entrance and exit.
	4. One (1) informational sign within a parking lot identifying or designating the conditions of uses of such parking area with a maximum sign area of twelve (12) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.
	5. One (1) ground or wall sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises on which the sign is located when there are two or more lots in the development and the properties are in excess of one hundred (100) feet in width with a maximum sign area of four (4) square feet plus one (1) square foot for each five (5) lineal feet of street frontage over one hundred (100) feet, provided that in no case shall the sign exceed two hundred (200) square feet. A ground sign shall have a maximum height of twelve (12) feet.
	6. One (1) ground sign advertising the sale of property in an approved subdivision and located on some portion of the subdivision with a maximum sign area of one hundred (100) square feet and a maximum height of twelve (12) feet. Such sign may be externally illuminated, may be permitted for one (1) year, and may be renewed for additional one (1) year periods.

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L. SIGNS PERMITTED BY ZONE DISTRICT	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
1. AGRICULTURAL (A-1)	1. Agricultural and Open Space zone districts (A-1, OS-1 and OS-2)
<p>The following regulations shall apply:</p> <p>[B.1] There shall be permitted not more than two (2) non-illuminated signs with each sign not exceeding twelve (12) square feet or a total of twenty-four (24) square feet in area advertising the sale of farm products produced on the premises</p> <p>[B.2] Announcement of church, school, or public building where permitted – Bulletin boards or identification signs, not to exceed twenty (20) square feet in area, shall be permitted; such bulletin board or identification sign shall indicate nothing other than name and/or address of the premises, and schedule of services or other information relevant to the activities on the premises. Such sign shall be located not closer to any property line than one-half the required setbacks and may have indirect illumination.</p>	<p>a. In A-1, OS-1 and OS-2 districts, nameplates and wall signs for home occupations with proper approval of the home occupation use are allowed as attached signs, with a maximum sign area of two (2) square feet.</p> <p>b. In A-1, OS-1 and OS-2 districts, detached signs are allowed, and may include ground signs, monument signs, column signs and temporary signs as permitted within this section, subject to the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) For the purpose of advertising the sale of farm products produced on the premises there shall be permitted not more than two (2) non-illuminated signs with a maximum sign area of twelve (12) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.</p> <p>(2) For a church, school or public building there shall be permitted one (1) bulletin board or identification sign per lot with a maximum sign area of twenty (20) square feet, a maximum height of eight (8) feet and shall be limited to indirect illumination.</p> <p>c. In A-1, OS-1 and OS-2 districts, identification signs, detached or attached to a building, shall be permitted for public parks, playgrounds and other outdoor recreation uses with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.</p>
2. FLOODWAY (F-1)	2. Floodway zone districts (F-1)
<p>The following regulations shall apply:</p> <p>[H.1] There shall be permitted for public parks, playgrounds, and other outdoor recreational uses, signs not exceeding nine (9) square feet in area.</p>	<p>a. In F-1 districts, identification signs, detached or attached to a building, shall be permitted for public parks, playgrounds and other outdoor recreation uses with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.</p> <p>b. Detached identification signs shall be limited to external illumination.</p>
6. HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT (H-1)	3. Historic overlay zone districts (H-1)
<p>The following regulations shall apply:</p> <p>[F.1] Information signs may be displayed in connection with such use, but the total area of each sign shall not exceed nine square feet, and signs may have indirect lighting.</p>	<p>a. In H-1 districts, one (1) information sign, detached or attached to the building, shall be permitted in connection with the use of the lot with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.</p> <p>b. An information sign is allowed in addition to any other signs allowed in accordance with the underlying base zone district.</p>
2. RESIDENTIAL (R-1, R-1A, R-1E, EN-1, EN-2, R-2, R-3, R-4, RP-1, RP-2, RP-3)	4. Residential zone districts (R-1, R-1A, R-1E, EN-1, EN-2, R-2, R-3, R-4, RP-1, RP-2, RP-3)
The following regulations shall apply:	
[A.15] Business signs for home occupations shall not exceed two (2) square feet nor be located closer than twenty (20) feet to the street right-of-way line.	<p>a. <i>Type of signs and dimensions allowed for residential uses.</i> In residential zone districts, the following signs on a residential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following dimensional requirements:</p> <p>(1) For properly approved home occupations, one (1) wall sign with a maximum sign area of two (2)</p>
[C.1] For houses, attached houses, duplexes and multi-dwelling structures or development: Nameplates, not to exceed two (2) square feet in area, shall be permitted for each	

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dwelling unit; such nameplates shall indicate nothing other than name and/or address to the occupants, premises, announcements of boarders or roomers, or customary home occupation.	square feet, or one (1) ground or column sign for properly approved home occupations with a maximum sign area of two (2) square feet and a maximum height of forty-two (42) inches.
[C.2.a] For multi-dwelling structures or developments, rooming and boarding houses, and fraternity and sorority houses: Wall signs, not to exceed nine (9) square feet in area, shall be permitted; such sign shall indicate nothing other than name and/or address of the premises, and the name of the management. Such sign shall be attached flush with the principal building and may have indirect illumination.	(2) Wall signs for multi-dwelling structures or developments, rooming and boarding houses, and fraternity and sorority houses with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet.
[C.2.b] In addition, multi-dwelling structures or developments on sites greater than two (2) acres may have one (1) monument sign located on each separate street frontage which exceeds one hundred fifty (150) lineal feet. Such sign(s): shall not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet in area; shall not exceed six (6) feet in height as measured from natural or finished grade, whichever is lower; and shall indicate nothing other than name and address of the premises, and the name of the management.	(3) Monument or column signs for multi-dwelling structures or developments on sites greater than two (2) acres, mobile home parks, and subdivisions with more than twenty-five (25) lots for residential purposes with a maximum sign area of thirty-six (36) square feet, and a maximum height of six (6) feet.
[C.3] For church, school, public building, cemetery, country club, mobile home park, subdivision with over twenty-five (25) lots, and medical facility with one hundred fifty (150) or more lineal feet of street frontage: One (1) monument sign shall be permitted. Such sign: shall not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet in area; shall not exceed six (6) feet in height as measured from natural or finished grade, whichever is lower; and shall not be located closer to any property line than one-half the required building setback distance.	b. <i>Type of signs and dimensions allowed for nonresidential uses.</i> In residential zone districts, the following signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following dimensional requirements: (1) For medical facilities with less than one hundred fifty (150) linear feet of street frontage, clubhouses for civic or nonprofit organizations, lodge halls, studios and day care centers for more than twelve (12) children:
[C.4] For medical facilities with less than one hundred fifty (150) linear feet of street frontage, clubhouses for civic or nonprofit organizations, lodge halls, studios, and day care centers for more than twelve (12) children: One (1) monument sign shall be permitted. Such sign: shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet in area; shall not exceed five (5) feet in height as measured from natural or finished grade, whichever is lower; and shall not be located closer to any property line than one-half the required building setback distance.	(a) Non-illuminated attached signs up a maximum total sign area of sixteen (16) square feet; and (b) One monument or column sign with a maximum sign area of twenty (20) square feet, and a maximum height of five (5) feet.
[C.6] In RP-1 and RP-2 districts, no sign shall be permitted except one (1) wall sign per business. This sign shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) square feet in area. In cases of multistory structures, signs shall not be in excess of twelve (12) feet above the ground level.	(2) For medical facilities with one hundred fifty (150) linear feet or more of street frontage, churches, schools, public buildings, cemeteries and country clubs:
[C.7] In the RP-3 district where five (5) or more permitted uses are located within a common structure, one (1) business sign shall be permitted provided that it shall not exceed one hundred (100) square feet in area and shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height above the ground level. The purpose of this sign is identification of the development and the principal uses within. An additional wall sign shall be permitted for each individual permitted use in accordance with the sign regulations for RP-1 and RP-2.	(a) Non-illuminated attached signs up a maximum total sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet and (b) One monument or column sign with a maximum sign area of thirty-six (36) square feet, and a maximum height of six (6) feet. (3) In the RP-1, RP-2 and RP-3 zone districts only, wall signs for each tenant where there are less than five (5) tenants within a common structure with a maximum sign area of ten (10) square feet, provided that the top of the sign shall be no more than twelve (12) feet above ground level. (4) In the RP-3 zone districts only, one (1) detached identification signs for each structure where there are five (5) or more tenants with a maximum sign area of one hundred (100) square feet, and a maximum sign height of twelve (12) feet.

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[C.8] In the RP-3 District where less than five (5) permitted uses are located within a common structure, the sign regulations of RP-1 and RP-2 shall apply.	
3. OFFICE (O-1, O-2, and O-3)	5. Office zone districts (O-1, O-2, and O-3)
The following regulations shall apply: [D.1] For permitted residential district uses, the regulation of signs shall be the same as in the residential regulations above.	
[D.2] For public recreation uses, community facilities, and medical facilities: One (1) monument sign shall be permitted, which shall not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet in area, and shall not exceed six (6) feet in height as measured from natural or finished grade, whichever is lower. A maximum of one (1) monument sign is permitted per lot.	a. <i>Regulations for residential uses.</i> In office districts, regulation of signs for permitted residential uses shall be the same as for residential zone districts. b. <i>Types of signs and dimensions allowed.</i> In office districts, the following signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following dimensional requirements:
[D.3] For other permitted principal uses in the O-1 and O-2 districts, business signs shall be permitted as follows: a. One (1) monument sign shall be permitted, which shall not exceed thirty six (36) square feet in area, and shall not exceed six (6) feet in height as measured from natural or finished grade, whichever is lower. A maximum of one (1) monument sign is permitted per lot. b. One (1) wall sign shall be permitted for each tenant of a building. Such sign shall not exceed two (2) square feet in area, and shall not be illuminated.	(1) Attached signs with a total allowed sign area equal to five (5) percent of the wall area of the primary building elevation(s), provided that the sign area may be used on any elevation of the building that does not face an adjacent residential zone district and that no individual sign may exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area. (2) One (1) detached sign is allowed per parcel or lot, subject to the following requirements: (a) Types of detached signs are limited to monument or column signs; and (b) For detached signs the maximum height shall be six (6) feet and the maximum sign area shall be thirty-six (36) square feet, except that adjacent to a major arterial road, expressway or interstate, as documented in the Knoxville-Knox County Major Road Plan, the maximum sign height for a detached sign shall be ten (10) feet and the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet.
[D.4] Signs for O-3 office park districts shall be permitted as follows: a. Each O-3 office park development shall be limited to one (1) monument sign on each separate street frontage, which shall not exceed thirty-six (36) square feet in area, and shall not exceed six (6) feet in height as measured from natural or finished grade, whichever is lower. b. In addition, each tenant which has exclusive and direct access from outside a building may have one (1) wall sign. Such sign: shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet, and shall not project above the parapet wall.	
4. COMMERCIAL (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, PC-1, PC-2, SC-1, SC-2, SC-3)	6. Commercial and Industrial zone districts (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, PC-1, PC-2, SC-1, SC-2, SC-3, BP-1, I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4)
The following regulations shall apply:	
[E.1] Within all commercial districts business signs shall be limited to: a. Locations on buildings on the parcel. b. Ground signs, including portable signs. c. Any other specific district requirements. d. For the purposes of this section canopies, gasoline pumps, and drivethrough order boards are considered part of the building. e. Electronic Message Centers (EMC) legally existing on April 10, 2009. After April 10, 2009, no EMC shall be permitted in any location except: (1) An EMC may be permitted in those areas covered by an H-1 overlay district subject to approval as	a. <i>Types of signs and dimensions allowed.</i> In commercial and industrial districts, the following signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following dimensional requirements: (1) Development directory and project directional signs may be approved as part of a master sign plan in accordance with the regulations at section J; (2) Attached signs with a total allowed sign area equal to ten (10) percent of the wall area of the primary building elevation(s), and providing that the sign area may be used on any elevation of the building; and (3) Detached signs in accordance with the standards described herein, except that standards

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<p>required within an H-1 district.</p> <p>(2) An EMC may be permitted in those areas covered by a D-1 overlay district subject to approval as required within a D-1 district.</p> <p>(3) An EMC may be permitted in those specific zone districts that allow EMCs with approved design regulations or guidelines subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory body for such district.</p> <p>(4) An EMC used as a changeable price sign shall be limited to parcels with a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) feet of frontage on the street where the property is addressed and further limited to one EMC per parcel.</p>	<p>specified for individual zone districts in Article IV shall prevail.</p>
<p>[E.3] There shall be permitted for public recreation uses, community facilities, hospitals, and clinics - Bulletin boards or identification signs not exceeding thirty-two square feet in area.</p>	<p>b. <i>Number and type of detached signs and dimensions allowed for secondary detached signs.</i> In commercial and industrial districts, the number of detached signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed in accordance with the following requirements:</p>
<p>[E.5] In the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District, the total surface areas of business signs shall not exceed one and one half (1 1/2) square feet of surface area for each one linear foot of street frontage per lot. Each lot shall be limited to one (1) business ground or monument sign per street frontage, with a maximum of two (2) business ground or monument signs. The maximum surface area for each business ground or monument sign shall be one hundred ninety-five (195) square feet.</p>	<p>(1) One (1) detached sign is allowed per street frontage, up to a maximum of two (2) per parcel or lot. For these purposes, an adjacent interstate highway shall be considered a street frontage, even though there can be no access to it.</p> <p>(2) The detached sign that is oriented to the street frontage from which the parcel is addressed shall be deemed primary and subject to the requirements of this subsection; and</p> <p>(3) Any secondary detached sign on each lot shall be limited to a monument or column sign with a maximum sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet and a maximum sign height of eight (8) feet.</p>
<p>[E.6] In the C-2 central business district and C-3 general commercial district, the total surface area of business signs shall not exceed three (3) square feet of surface area for each one (1) linear foot of street frontage per lot. However, in no case shall the surface areas be limited to less than fifty (50) square feet. In the C-2 and C-3 districts, each lot shall be limited to one (1) business ground or monument sign per street frontage, with a maximum of two (2) business ground or monument signs. The maximum surface area for each business ground or monument signs shall be two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet.</p>	<p>c. <i>Maximum sign heights for primary detached signs.</i> In commercial and industrial zone districts, the maximum sign height for primary detached signs shall be thirty (30) feet, except that the maximum sign height for primary signs shall be forty (40) feet for properties within five hundred (500) linear feet of a point where the center line of an intersecting street or road meets the right-of-way of an Interstate at the following interchanges:</p>
<p>[E.7] In the C-4 highway and arterial commercial district, and C-5 tourist commercial district, the total surface area of business signs shall not exceed two (2) square feet per one (1) linear foot of street frontage per lot. In the C-4 and C-5 districts, each lot shall be limited to one (1) business ground or monument sign per street frontage, with a maximum of two (2) business ground or monument signs. The maximum surface area for each business ground or monument sign shall be two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet.</p>	<p>(a) Interstate 40/75 at Lovell Road, Pellissippi Parkway/Interstate 140, Cedar Bluff Road, and Weisgarber Road/Papermill Drive/Northshore Drive;</p> <p>(b) Interstate 640/75 at Clinton Highway and Western Avenue;</p> <p>(c) Interstate 640 at Broadway, Washington Pike and Millertown Pike;</p> <p>(d) Interstate 40 at Asheville Highway, Strawberry Plains Pike and Midway Road;</p> <p>(e) Interstate 75 at Merchant Drive, Callahan Road and Emory Road; and</p> <p>(f) Interstate 140 at Kingston Pike, Westland Drive, and Northshore Drive.</p>
<p>[E.8] In the C-6 general commercial park district, metropolitan planning commission staff approval is required prior to the issuance of a sign permit. Each lot shall be limited to one (1) business ground or monument sign per street frontage, with a maximum of</p>	<p>d. <i>Maximum sign area for primary detached signs.</i> The maximum sign area for primary detached signs shall be one hundred ninety-five (195) square feet, except that the maximum sign area for primary signs shall be two hundred twenty (220) square feet for properties within 500 linear feet of a point where the center line of an intersecting street or road meets the right-of-way of an Interstate at the interchanges described above in subsection c.</p>

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<p>two (2) business ground or monument signs. On a lot of six (6) acres or less in an area, the maximum surface area for each business ground or monument sign shall be two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet. On a lot larger than six (6) acres in area, the maximum surface area of business ground or monument signs shall be three hundred (300) square feet.</p> <p>[E.9] Small accessory business signs are permitted for each business within the C-6 district. These shall be a face sign attached to the building and may not project above the parapet wall. The total maximum display surface area for small accessory business signs shall be one (1) square foot per one (1) lineal foot of building frontage the business has, provided that the total display space of signs may not exceed four hundred fifty (450) square feet.</p> <p>[E.11] In the C-7 pedestrian commercial district, the total surface area of business signs shall not exceed one (1) square foot per linear foot of street frontage per lot, except where more than three (3) businesses are located on the same lot each business shall be permitted a maximum sign size of four (4) square feet or one (1) square foot of surface area per linear foot of street frontage, whichever is greater. The total surface area of business ground or monument signs shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet. The maximum height of business ground signs shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet.</p> <p>[E.12] Only the following types of signs shall be permitted in the C-7 districts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wall signs not projecting above the parapet wall. b. Canopy signs which are painted or otherwise attached directly onto the surface of an approved canopy or suspended from an approved canopy. c. Ground signs, provided that a ten square foot area surrounding the base of the sign shall be landscaped. d. Advertising incorporated into wall graphics shall not be included in computing maximum sign area. <p>[E.13] In the SC-1 neighborhood shopping center district, SC-2 community shopping center district, SC-3 regional shopping center district, PC-1 retail and office park district, and PC-2 retail and distribution park district, metropolitan planning commission approval is required prior to the issuance of a sign permit to ensure that business signs are designed as an integral part of and are harmonious with the design features of the planned development. The total surface area of business signs shall not exceed one (1) square foot per ten (10) square feet of usable floor area. Each lot shall be limited to one (1) business ground or monument sign per street frontage, with a maximum of two (2) business ground signs. On a lot six (6) acres or less in area, the maximum surface area for each business ground or monument sign shall be two hundred</p>	<p>e. <i>Exceptions to the standards described above.</i></p> <p>(1) On parcels and lots adjacent to the interstate, a secondary detached sign, if located within one hundred (100) feet of the interstate right-of-way and if its sign faces are oriented perpendicular or radial to the interstate right-of-way is subject to the maximum height and sign area requirements for a primary detached sign.</p> <p>(2) On parcels and lots adjacent to any streets or roads that are a part of the Scenic Highway System, the maximum sign height for a primary detached sign shall be ten (10) feet and the maximum sign area for a primary detached sign shall be one hundred (100) feet.</p> <p>(3) In the neighborhood commercial (C-1) and pedestrian commercial (C-7) zone districts, the maximum sign area for detached signs is fifty (50) square feet.</p> <p>(4) In the BP-1 zone districts, the maximum sign area for detached signs is one hundred (100) square feet and the maximum height is six (6) feet.</p> <p>(5) In planned commercial, shopping, business or industrial zone district (PC-1, PC-2, SC-1, SC-2, SC-3, BP-1, and I-1), additional signs may be approved by the planning commission as part of the development plan provided that scale drawings indicate the signs will not detract from the character of the development or surrounding development and that the development plan clearly shows that because of unusual topography, building locations and relationships or developments with multiple structures, additional signs are essential to inform and direct the public.</p>
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<p>seventy-five (275) square feet. On a lot over six (6) acres in area, the maximum surface area for each business ground or monument sign shall be three hundred (300) square feet.</p> <p>[E.14] In C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, PC-1, PC-2, SC-1, SC-2 and SC-3 commercial districts, when the allowed business ground or monument signs are located within five hundred (500) feet of the interstate right-of-way, the maximum surface area of the business ground or monument sign which is oriented towards the interstate highway, shall not exceed four hundred (400) square feet. The lineal distance measured along the street frontage adjacent to an interstate highway shall be used to calculate the maximum surface area for all the business signs located along said interstate highway frontage. This provision does not apply, and subsection A.8b shall apply where the sign location is (i) within two thousand (2,000) feet of the right-of-way of a scenic highway or scenic parkway, and (ii) outside of a two thousand (2,000) foot radius from any intersection of the scenic highway and/or scenic parkway system and an interstate highway system.</p>	
<p>5. INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS (I-1, I-2, I-3, and I-4)</p> <p>The following regulations shall apply:</p> <p>[G.1] Within all industrial districts business signs shall be limited to one (1) ground sign per street frontage of the parcel and signs affixed to the building on the premises as well as any specific district requirements.</p> <p>[G.2] In I-1 and I-2 industrial districts, business signs shall be permitted not exceeding two (2) square feet per one (1) lineal foot of street frontage.</p> <p>[G.3] In I-3 and I-4 industrial districts, business signs shall be permitted not exceeding three (3) square feet per one (1) lineal foot of street frontage.</p>	
<p>6. MIXED USE DISTRICTS (TC-1 and TND-1)</p> <p>Too complicated to reproduce here.</p>	<p>7. Mixed Use zone districts (TC-1 and TND-1)</p> <p>a. In TC-1 and TND-1 zone districts, approval of a master sign plan in accordance with subsection J is required at the time of development plan approval. Development directory and directional signs may be approved as part of the master sign plan.</p> <p>(1) The types of signs shall be shown in the master sign plan for non-residential and multi-dwelling structures within a TND. These shall be outlined in relation to the proposed uses. In order to reduce visual clutter, no more than two types of signs, other than window signs, are allowed on the front face of a building.</p> <p>(2) The locations of the types of signs and the landscaping around any detached signs shall be shown in the master sign plan and the development plan.</p> <p>(3) Increases in dimensions of a sign of up to ten (10) percent may be approved administratively by MPC staff. Changing the text, message, design or material</p>

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of sign shall not require the approval of MPC or its staff.

b. In TC-1 and TND-1 zone districts, regulations for signs for permitted residential uses shall be the same as for residential zone districts.

c. In TC-1 and TND-1 zone districts, the following signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following specified dimensional requirements:

(1) Attached signs, including arcade and hanging signs, awning and canopy signs, historic and landmark signs marquee signs, projecting signs, shingle signs, temporary signs, and wall signs with a total allowable sign area of five (5) percent of the wall area of the primary building elevations, providing that the sign area may be used on any elevation of the building. The maximum sign area for individual projecting signs shall be twelve (12) square feet; and for hanging, arcade or shingle signs, six (6) square feet.

(2) A maximum of one (1) detached sign is allowed per street frontage, up to a maximum of two (2) per parcel or lot.

(3) Detached signs, including historic and landmark signs, incidental signs (including on-site directional, directory and informational signs), monument signs, column signs, and temporary signs with a maximum sign area and height according to the following table:

TABLE L.7.1

Dimensional Standards for Detached Signs			
Number of Stories in Building	Maximum Height (feet)	Maximum Width (feet)	Maximum Sign Area (square feet)
1 to 1½ stories	4 feet	4 feet	16 sq. ft.
2 stories	5 feet	5 feet	24 sq. ft.
3 stories	6 feet	6 feet	32 sq. ft.
The height of the base of a monument sign shall not exceed 18 inches.			
The column of a column sign shall not exceed 24 inches in width nor extend more than 6 inches above the sign area.			

M. CREATION OF SPECIAL SIGN DISTRICTS

Reserved for future use

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N. SIGN CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>1. STRUCTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS</p> <p>[A.21] A portable sign may be considered a permanent sign, subject to signage allotment requirements, provided that it is securely affixed to the ground or other surface, if serviced by electrical power, conforms to the latest adopted revision of the National Electrical Code. Any other permanent sign erected, constructed, or placed on any property in the City of Knoxville shall conform to [the] latest adopted revision of the Standard Building Code and, if serviced by electrical power, the latest adopted revision of the National Electrical Code. Electrical materials and devices incorporated into such signs shall be certified by the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., and shall bear the ULI label, or the label of another approved testing laboratory.</p> <p>[A.22] Temporary business signs if serviced by electrical power, shall conform to the latest adopted revision of the National Electrical Code.</p> <p>[A.23] All permanent on-premise signs shall contain the street number of the business.</p>	<p>1. Sign Construction.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. <i>Conformity with Adopted Building Codes.</i> Any permanent sign erected, constructed, or placed on any property in the City of Knoxville shall conform to the latest adopted revision of the Standard Building Code.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. <i>Conformity with Adopted Electric Codes.</i> If serviced by electric power, any permanent sign shall conform to the latest adopted revision of the National Electrical Code. Electrical materials and devices incorporated into such signs shall be certified by the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., and shall bear the ULI label, or the label of another approved testing laboratory. Temporary signs if serviced by electrical power shall conform to the latest adopted revision of the National Electrical Code.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. <i>Address Required.</i> All permanent on-premise signs shall contain the street number of the business.</p> <p>2. Sign Maintenance</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. <i>Premises maintenance.</i> All signs and surrounding premises shall be maintained by the owner thereof in a clean and sanitary condition, and free and clear of all debris, trash, litter, garbage, refuse, and weeds and in full compliance with the city's ordinances concerning lot cleanliness set forth in the Code of Ordinances Chapter 13, Article VI.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. <i>Structure maintenance.</i> All signs, including supporting structures, shall be kept in good and safe repair and shall be maintained in good and safe condition, including the periodic application of paint and/or other weatherproofing material in order to prevent rust or other decay. The Chief Building Official, or designee, may order the removal of any sign that is not maintained in accordance with the provisions of this section. Such removal or expense incurred to assure compliance with this section shall be at the expense of the permittee or the owner of such sign.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. <i>Display surface or other advertising surface maintenance.</i> The display surface or other advertising material of a sign shall not be allowed to deteriorate to a broken, torn, peeling, flaking or otherwise decayed condition and shall be repaired or removed within ninety (90) days of receipt of notice mailed to the owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, from the Chief Building Official ordering such repair or removal. If the owner fails to remove or alter the display surface so as to comply with the standards herein set forth within the time specified in such notice, such display advertising material may be removed or altered to comply with such notice. Such removal or expense incurred to assure compliance with this section shall be at the expense of the permittee or the owner of such sign. An appeal may be made to overcome some exceptional condition which poses practical difficulty or particular hardship in such a way as to prevent an owner from repairing the sign within ninety (90) days.</p>

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O. ABANDONED SIGNS	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>2. DISCONTINUANCE AND REMOVAL OF SIGNS</p> <p>[A.20] Abandoned business signs advertising a business no longer conducted on the premises shall be removed by the owner or lessee of the premises upon which the sign is located within sixty (60) days of written notification by the building official.</p>	<p>1. Abandoned Sign Determination</p> <p>Any sign, including its supporting structure, erected in conjunction with a particular use, that use having been subsequently discontinued for a period of sixty (60) days or more, or a lawfully erected temporary sign for which the time period allowed for display of the sign has expired. Abandonment shall be presumed if, for a period of sixty (60) days or longer, the sign has not 1) advertised goods, services, facilities, events or attractions available on the premises where located, 2) identified the owner or occupant, 3) directed traffic on the premises, or 4) displayed a noncommercial message which may or may not related to an activity located on the premises.</p> <p>Any sign which otherwise conforms to the provisions of this Article, and by reason of the cessation of activity on the premises, becomes an off-premises sign, may be retained for a period of one year by one of the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Painted Sign: The sign shall be covered by painting over the sign area. b. Removable Sign Face: The sign face shall be removed and replaced with a blank insert or the sign face may be reversed. c. Temporary Covering: The sign face may be temporarily covered by the installation of a sock or boot. <p>If activity on the property has not resumed within a period of one (1) year, then the sign shall be presumed abandoned and shall be taken down and removed as provided herein.</p>
	<p>2. Removal of Abandoned Signs</p> <p>Any abandoned sign, now or hereafter existing, shall be taken down and removed by the owner, agent, or person having the beneficial use of the building, structure, or property upon which such sign may be found, within thirty (30) days after the written notification from the Chief Building Official, or designee. In making a determination that a sign is abandoned the building official shall consider among other factors, the existence or absence of a current occupational license for the premises, whether there are active utilities or a utilities service deposit at that location, and use of the premises. If such abandoned sign is not removed at the conclusion of such thirty (30)-day period, the Chief Building Official or designee is hereby authorized to cause the sign to be removed forthwith at the expense of the owner. For purposes of this section, the word "remove" shall mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The sign face, along with posts, columns or supports of "detached" signs, shall be taken down and removed from the property. b. The sign face and supporting structures of "projecting", "roof", or "attached" signs shall be taken down and removed from the property. c. The sign face of "painted attached signs" shall be removed by painting over the wall sign in such a manner as to completely cover up and hide from sight the sign in question.

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P. LEGAL NONCONFORMING SIGNS	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>a. <i>Non-conforming outdoor advertising signs and structures.</i> An owner of any advertising or business sign or structure legally existing at the time of the adoption of this amendment which does not conform to the requirements of this ordinance shall have until July 1, 1984, to register with the City Building Inspection Department for purpose of ensuring to the owner the right to continue such non-conforming use.</p>	<p>1. An owner of any off-premise or on-premise sign or structure legally existing at the time of the adoption of this amendment which does not conform to the requirements of this ordinance shall have until July 1, 1984, to register with the City Building Inspection Department for purpose of ensuring to the owner the right to continue such non-conforming use.</p>
<p>b. After July 1, 1984, any non-conforming sign not registered shall be considered an illegal sign. The Chief Building Official shall notify or make reasonable effort to notify the owner of the sign of such condition. If after thirty (3) days of such notification the sign has not been removed by the owner, the City, its officials, or its employees shall have the authority to enter on the private property on which the sign is located to remove such sign and/or institute appropriate action to have the sign removed. The City is further authorized to place a lien, in the amount of the removal cost, against the property upon which the illegal non-conforming sign is located.</p>	<p>2. After July 1, 1984, any non-conforming sign not registered shall be considered an illegal sign. The Chief Building Official shall notify or make reasonable effort to notify the owner of the sign of such condition. If after thirty (30) days of such notification the sign has not been removed by the owner, the City, its officials, or its employees shall have the authority to enter on the private property on which the sign is located to remove such sign and/or institute appropriate action to have the sign removed. The City is further authorized to place a lien, in the amount of the removal cost, against the property upon which the illegal non-conforming sign is located.</p>
<p>c. Regulations for advertising signs approved prior to 1984.</p> <p>(1) Size, location and structure restrictions. Advertising signs shall be placed on a unipole structure and shall not be double-decked (either one above the other, or side by side on the same structure). The total sign area per face shall not exceed forty-eight (48) feet by fourteen (14) feet (six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet) with a twenty (20) percent nonpermanent extension, except within five hundred (500) feet of interstate arteries where the total sign area per face may be seven hundred seventy-five (775) square feet.</p> <p>(2) Spacing requirements - Primary and secondary arteries. No off-premise (outdoor advertising) structure shall be established within seven hundred fifty (750) feet of any other off-premise advertising structure on either side of the same street. The minimum distance between structures shall be measured along a straight line and shall be made between the two (2) nearest points of the structures. The minimum spacing shall apply to off-premise advertising structures located on either side of the same street or highway. Official and on-premise business signs as well as any other sign which does not constitute an off-premise advertising structure as defined herein, shall not be counted nor shall measurements be made from them for the purpose of determining compliance with these spacing</p>	<p>3. Regulations for off-premise signs approved prior to 1984.</p> <p>(a) Size, location and structure restrictions. Off-premise signs shall be placed on a unipole structure and shall not be double-decked (either one above the other, or side by side on the same structure). The total sign area per face shall not exceed forty-eight (48) feet by fourteen (14) feet (six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet) with a twenty (20) percent nonpermanent extension, except within five hundred (500) feet of interstate arteries where the total sign area per face may be seven hundred seventy-five (775) square feet.</p> <p>(b) Spacing requirements - Primary and secondary arteries. No off-premise sign structure shall be established within seven hundred fifty (750) feet of any other off-premise sign structure on either side of the same street. The minimum distance between structures shall be measured along a straight line and shall be made between the two (2) nearest points of the structures. The minimum spacing shall apply to off-premise sign structures located on either side of the same street or highway. Official and on-premise signs as well as any other sign which does not constitute an off-premise sign structure as defined herein, shall not be counted nor shall measurements be made from them for the purpose of determining compliance with these spacing requirements.</p>

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requirements.	
(3) Spacing requirements - Interstate arteries. No off-premise (outdoor advertising) structure shall be established within one thousand (1,000) feet of any other off-premise advertising structure on the same side by the same interstate artery. The minimum distance between structures shall be measured along a straight line and shall be made between the two (2) nearest points of the structures.	(c) Spacing requirements - Interstate arteries. No off-premise sign structure shall be established within one thousand (1,000) feet of any other off-premise sign structure on the same side by the same interstate artery. The minimum distance between structures shall be measured along a straight line and shall be made between the two (2) nearest points of the structures.
(4) Setback requirements. All advertising sign structures, including billboards, shall be erected in conformity with the front, side and rear yard requirements of the district in which located.	(d) Setback requirements. All off-premise sign structures, including billboards, shall be erected in conformity with the front, side and rear yard requirements of the district in which located.

Q. ADMINISTRATION	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
1. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	1. Permit Requirements
[L.1] No sign, portable sign, outdoor display, or billboard other than "for sale" or temporary political signs shall be placed, operated, maintained, erected or attached to, suspended from, or supported on a building, structure or ground until a permit in writing, authorizing the same has been issued by the office of the chief building official.	a. No sign, portable sign, outdoor display, or billboard other than "for sale" or temporary political signs shall be placed, operated, maintained, erected or attached to, suspended from, or supported on a building, structure or ground until a permit in writing, authorizing the same has been issued by the office of the chief building official.
[L.3] No sign permit shall be issued to any person, firm, business, or corporate entity doing business within the City until such person, firm, business, or corporate entity has obtained a valid business license from the City of Knoxville.	b. No sign permit shall be issued to any person, firm, business, or corporate entity doing business within the City until such person, firm, business, or corporate entity has obtained a valid business license from the City of Knoxville.
[L.4] Before a permit may be issued, complete plans and specifications showing the construction, methods of support and the materials used shall be submitted for approval to the Sign Inspector. In addition to any other required information, such plans and specifications shall include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A detailed site plan of the property drawn to scale, showing all existing and proposed freestanding signs, buildings, parking areas, and driveway entrances to the site, together with all roadways and informational signs located on the right-of-way of said roadways which are located immediately adjacent to the proposed site. b. The total number of square feet of existing and proposed signage on the parcel where the proposed sign is to be erected. c. The location of all existing ground signs located within the area of the proposed site which signs are within the minimum space requirements for distances between structures as set forth in Article 5, Section 10 of the zoning ordinance of the City of Knoxville. d. For advertising signs and portable signs, the name and 	c. Before a permit may be issued, complete plans and specifications showing the construction, methods of support and the materials used shall be submitted for approval to the Sign Inspector. In addition to any other required information, such plans and specifications shall include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A detailed site plan of the property drawn to scale, showing all existing and proposed freestanding signs, buildings, parking areas, and driveway entrances to the site, together with all roadways and informational signs located on the right-of-way of said roadways which are located immediately adjacent to the proposed site. (2) The total number of square feet of existing and proposed signage on the parcel where the proposed sign is to be erected. (3) The location of all existing ground signs located within the area of the proposed site which signs are within the minimum space requirements for distances between structures as set forth in Article 5,

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a notarized consent affidavit of the property owner and/or lessee of the proposed site.	Section 10 of the zoning ordinance of the City of Knoxville. (4) For off-premise signs and portable signs, the name and a notarized consent affidavit of the property owner and/or lessee of the proposed site.
[L.5] Whenever possible, applications are to be processed within ten (10) working days of receipt of all required documents in the sign inspector's office.	d. Applications shall be processed within ten (10) working days of receipt of all required documents in the sign inspector's office.
[L.6] The sign inspector shall keep and maintain accurate records of all sign permits issued by the City, which records may serve as the basis for a comprehensive inventory of the signs within the City.	e. The sign inspector shall keep and maintain accurate records of all sign permits issued by the City, which records may serve as the basis for a comprehensive inventory of the signs within the City.
[L.7] As of June 1, 2001, there shall be a ban on the issuance of permits for new construction of advertising signs, including billboards, at new locations within the City of Knoxville; provided however that lawfully existing advertising signs, including billboards, shall be nonconforming uses, as regulated by Article 6 of this ordinance	f. As of June 1, 2001, there shall be a ban on the issuance of permits for new construction of off-premise signs, including billboards, at new locations within the City of Knoxville; provided however that lawfully existing off-premise signs, including billboards, shall be nonconforming uses, as regulated by Article 6 of this ordinance
2. AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL & ENFORCEMENT	2. Authority for Approval and Enforcement
[L.2] The sign inspector shall have primary responsibility for the administration and enforcement of these sign regulations, and shall issue sign applications and permits for all signs located within the City of Knoxville	The sign inspector shall have primary responsibility for the administration and enforcement of these sign regulations, and shall issue sign applications and permits for all signs located within the City of Knoxville
3. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION	3. Penalties for Violation
	Penalties for violation of these regulations shall be in accordance with Article VII, Section 8 of this ordinance.

R. VARIANCES AND APPEALS	
CURRENT	PROPOSED
	<p>1. Variances from the terms of these regulations may be requested in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of this ordinance.</p> <p>2. Appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirements, decision or determination by an administrative official in carrying out these regulations may be requested in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of this ordinance.</p>

SECTIONS ON FEES WILL BE REMOVED

A. PURPOSE AND INTENT

1. The purpose of this section is to create a legal framework for a comprehensive and balanced system of sign regulation that will:
 - a. Implement the plans, policies, goals and objectives of the City;
 - b. Protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and businesses of the City;
 - c. Preserve the right of free speech and expression;
 - d. Provide for effective communication between people within the context of their environment;
 - e. Avoid visual clutter that may be harmful to traffic and pedestrian safety, property values, business opportunities and community appearance;
 - f. Facilitate effective way-finding throughout the City;
 - g. Provide clear and objective sign standards;
 - h. Provide an efficient and effective review procedure for sign applications; and
 - i. Enable consistent and equitable enforcement of the regulations set forth in this Section.
2. With these purposes in mind, it is the intent of this ordinance to authorize the use of signs that are:
 - a. Effective in communicating with the public;
 - b. Compatible with their surroundings;
 - c. Legible in the circumstances in which they are seen.
 - d. Appropriate to the activity that displays them; and
 - e. Expressive of the identity of individual activities and the community as a whole.

B. SCOPE/APPLICABILITY

1. Signs may be erected, mounted, displayed or maintained in the city in conformance with the provisions of these regulations. The scope of this section, as more specifically set forth below, is to:
 - a. Allow a wide variety of sign types in commercial zone districts, and a more limited variety of signs in other zone districts, subject to the standards of this section;
 - b. Allow certain signs incidental to the principal use of a site in all zone districts subject to the standards of this section;
 - c. Provide for temporary signs in limited circumstances;
 - d. Prohibit signs whose location, size, type, illumination or other physical characteristics are not compatible with their surroundings and may be injurious to the public health, safety and welfare; and
 - e. Provide for the enforcement of the provisions of this section.
2. The regulations of this section are applicable in zone districts without sign and other sign structure requirements exclusive to a specific zone district. Where sign requirements are provided in a specific zone district, the requirements of the specific zone districts in Article IV shall prevail.
3. The regulations for signs, billboards, and other sign structures are indicated below.
4. The interpretation or nomenclature in this section shall be as defined in subsection C below.

C. DEFINITIONS

The words, terms and phrases set out below shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

Advertising - Any writing, printing, painting, display, emblem, drawing, sign, or other device designed, used or intended for advertising, which placed on the ground, rocks, trees, tree-stump, or other natural structures or on a building, structure, milestone, signboard, billboard, wallboard, roofboard, frame, support, fence or other manmade structure, and any such advertising is a structure within the meaning of the word structure used in this ordinance.

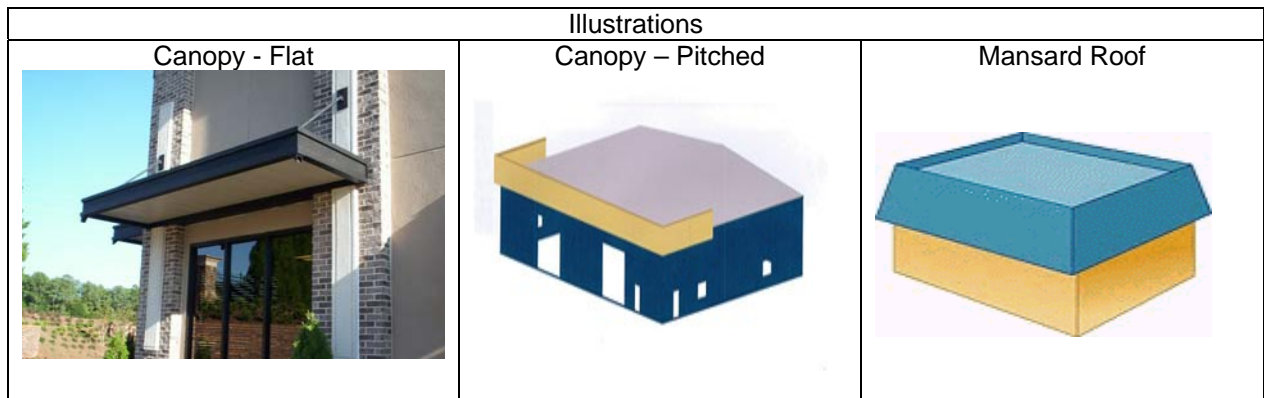
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Awning - A structure, other than a canopy, made of cloth, metal or other material affixed to a building in such a manner that the structure may be raised or retracted from a from a building to a flat position against the building.

Candela - A unit which expresses the luminous intensity of a light source.

Canopy - A permanent structure, other than an awning, made of cloth, metal or other material attached to a building for the purpose of providing shelter to patrons or automobiles, or as a decorative feature on a building wall. A canopy is not a completely enclosed structure. The lower, steeper portion of a mansard roof shall be considered a canopy for the purposes of this section if there is no enclosed space below this portion of the mansard roof.



Dimmer - A device which changes the brightness of a display or which creates the capacity of increasing or decreasing the overall brightness/intensity of a display.

Erect - When used in connection with signs shall mean to build, construct, attach, hand, place, suspend, or affix and shall also include the painting of wall signs.

Footcandle - A unit of illuminance (light falling on a surface). One lumen falling on one square foot equals one footcandle.

Light detector, Light sensor - An electronic component used to detect the amount or level of ambient light surrounding a display.

Master sign plan - A site plan and associated text and illustrations submitted to the Metropolitan Planning Commission for consideration for approval of a sign system for a proposed or existing development.

Nit - One candela per square meter.

Sign, billboard, or other advertising device - Any structure or part thereof or device attached thereto or represented thereon, which shall display or include any letter, words, model, banner, flag, pennant, insignia or representation used as, or which is in the nature of an announcement, direction or advertisement. The word "sign" includes the word "billboard" or any other type of advertising device, but does not include the flag, pennant, or insignia of any nation, state, city or other political unit.

Sight triangle - The area located at the intersection of two streets, whether public or private, or a street and private driveway through which an unobstructed view of approaching traffic is necessary for motorists.

Sign illumination, internal - Lighting of a sign from internal sources, such as in light source within the framework of a sign cabinet and behind the face of the sign so that light is transmitted through the face of the sign.

Sign illumination, external - Lighting of a sign from a light source external to the body of the sign, so that light is directed on to the face of the sign.

Types of signs are defined in the following categories.

Abandoned sign - Any sign, including its supporting structure, erected in conjunction with a particular use, that use having been subsequently discontinued for a period of sixty (60) days or more, or a lawfully erected temporary sign for which the time period allowed for display of the sign has expired.

Arcade and hanging sign - A type of attached sign which hangs from a porch roof, awning, canopy, colonnade or similar feature whose surface area is not to exceed over six square feet.

Attached sign - A sign that is permanently affixed to or painted on a building, canopy, or wall and having a permanent or changeable copy face.

Awning sign - A type of attached sign that is comprised of the application of words, pictures, symbols and/or logos to an awning attached to the ground floor of buildings to provide shelter and shade for pedestrians

Billboard - A type of off-premise sign having more than one hundred square feet of display surface which is either erected on the ground or attached to or supported by a building or structure.

Bulletin board - A type of wall or ground sign used to identify the premises and announce meetings or programs to be held on the premises of a church, school, community recreation center, hospital, medical clinic or similar place.

Canopy sign - A type of attached sign attached to or painted or printed upon or on top of a canopy.

Changeable letter reader board sign - A sign on which message copy is changed manually through the utilization of attachable letters, numbers, symbols and other similar character of changeable pictorial panes.

Changeable price sign - A sign that shows a product or service, such as fuel or hotel/motel room rates as an unchanging element of the sign and includes an EMC component to the sign wherein the price is changeable.

Column sign - A type of detached sign which is supported by and integrated with columns (or posts), appropriate in scale and material to its related building (see illustration).

Detached sign - Any sign that is not affixed or attached to a building and is securely and permanently mounted in or on the ground.

Development directory sign - A type of detached sign identifying a shopping center, office park, commercial subdivision, or similar mixed use or commercial development, and listing individual businesses or tenants within the unified development, including businesses not located on the lot on which the sign is located. A development directory sign is not classified as an off-premise sign.

Directional sign - A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to guide vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic on a lot or parcel by using such words as "Entrance", "Exit", "Parking", "One-Way", or similar directives, but not including any advertising message. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign.

Directory sign, on-site - A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to identify specific businesses, offices, tenants or other uses of a lot or parcel, but not including any advertising message. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign

Electronic message center sign - A sign which uses a bank of lights that can be individually lit to form copy such as words, letters, logos, figures, symbols, illustrations, or patterns to form a message without altering the sign face.

Ground sign - A type of detached sign supported by a pole, uprights, or braces on the ground.

Historic sign - An existing, nonconforming, historically significant sign that contributes to the historical or cultural character of the community at large which has been removed from its original location within the City of Knoxville and is to be reused and relocated to a different location on its original site or relocated to another location within the community.

Incidental sign - A sign, generally directional or informational, that has a purpose secondary to the use of the lot on which it is located, such as "no parking", "entrance", "loading only", "office", "gymnasium", and other similar directives. No sign with an advertising message other than a name or logo of a business, use or place shall be considered incidental.

Identification sign - A sign displaying only the name, address, and/or crest, insignia, trademark, occupation, or profession of an occupant or the name of any building on the premises.

Information sign - A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to convey information or instructions, but not including any advertising message, for the safety and convenient use of a lot or parcel. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign.

Landmark sign - An existing, nonconforming, on-premise sign, which exhibits unique characteristics, enhances the streetscape or identity of a neighborhood and contributes to the historical or cultural character of the streetscape or the community at large.

Marquee sign - A type of attached sign integrated into or hung from a marquee. A marquee is a type of canopy or covered structure projecting from and supported by a building, when such canopy or covered structure extends beyond the building, building line, or property line for the purpose of providing shelter to pedestrians at an entrance to a building.

Menu board - A type of attached or detached sign primarily designed for the display of menu items and prices for the purpose of placing orders for such items in conjunction with a restaurant utilizing drive-through or curbside service.

Monument sign - A type of detached sign which is supported by and integrated with a solid base, as opposed to poles, posts, or other such supports (see illustration).

Nameplate - A plate, plaque or engraved name, e.g. on a door, or integral to a wall of a building, bearing a name and associating the name with the building to which the nameplate is attached.

Off-premise sign - A sign that directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered elsewhere than on the premises and only incidentally on the premises if at all.

On-premise sign - A sign that directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered on the premises on which the sign is erected. A "for sale", "to let" or "information" sign shall be deemed an on-premise sign.

Pole sign - A type of ground sign at least ten feet above the ground supported on a single post or pole.

Portable sign - All moveable or portable off-premise or on-premise signs, unless otherwise permitted by these regulations, mounted upon trailers or other structure(s) or device(s) designed to be transported with only incidental parking and assembling for reuse.

Project directional sign - A type of detached sign used to direct traffic from a collector or arterial street (as designated in the *Major Road Plan for Knoxville – Knox County, Tennessee*) to businesses located on the same or lower classification streets within the same unified development. A project directional sign is not classified as an off-premise sign.

Projecting sign - A type of attached sign which is attached to the face or outside wall of a building which projects out at an angle therefrom and projects more than twelve inches beyond the face of such wall.

Roof sign - A type of attached sign that is mounted on the roof of a building or which is wholly dependent upon a building roof for support.

Sidewalk sign - A type of detached sign that is made up of two opposing sign faces, hinged at the top and set up in a triangle shape with one side of the triangle being the ground surface. Such sign shall be placed on the ground or paved surface and may be placed on a sidewalk within public right-of-way or public property within fifteen (15) feet of the entry to a business or outdoor space associated with the business. For these purposes a sidewalk sign is not a portable sign.

Shingle sign - A type of attached sign not over six square feet in area, and projecting from a wall not more than two feet over public property.

Temporary sign - Any sign, banner, pennant, valance, or advertising display constructed of wood, metal, cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard, or other light material, with or without frames, where either by reason of construction or purpose the sign is intended to be displayed for a short period of time ~~only~~ consistent with the terms of these regulations.

Umbrella sign - A sign integrated into the body of an umbrella, either on its protective covering or support structure.

Wall sign - A type of attached sign erected parallel to the face, or on the outside wall, of any building and supported throughout its entire length by such wall where the edges of the sign do not project more than twelve inches therefrom. A wall sign may not project above the wall or parapet.

Window sign - A type of attached sign placed within a window facing the street or thoroughfare, including a television or monitor placed in a window for the purpose of advertising products, services or the business, and may be composed of applied letters, symbols, neon or similar lighting, but may not obscure the view of the interior of the building.

SIGN ILLUSTRATIONS








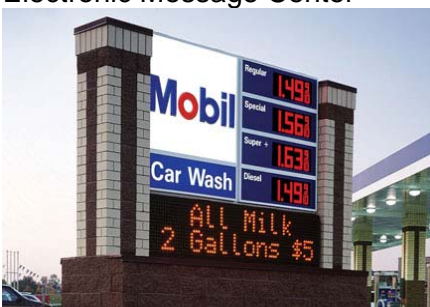
















<p>Arcade or Hanging Sign</p> 	<p>Awning Sign</p> 	<p>Canopy Sign 1</p> 
<p>Canopy Sign 2</p> 	<p>Changeable Reader Board</p> 	<p>Changeable Price Sign</p> 
<p>Column Sign</p> 	<p>Electronic Message Center</p> 	<p>Ground Sign</p> 
<p>Marquee Sign</p> 	<p>Menu Board (attached)</p> 	<p>Menu Board (detached)</p> 

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<p>Monument Sign</p> 	<p>Nameplate</p> 	<p>Pole Sign</p> 
<p>Portable Sign</p> 	<p>Projecting Sign</p> 	<p>Roof Sign</p> 
<p>Shingle Sign</p> 	<p>Sidewalk Sign</p> 	<p>Umbrella Sign</p> 
<p>Wall Sign (applied)</p> 	<p>Wall Sign (cabinet)</p> 	<p>Window Sign</p> 

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D. PROHIBITED SIGNS

The following signs are prohibited in all zone districts:

1. Signs which by color, location, and/or design resemble or conflict with traffic control signs or signals.
2. Signs which contain or make use of any word, phrase, symbol, shape, form or character in such manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic. This does not include permitted incidental signs such as directional, directory or informational signs.
3. Signs which have moving parts and signs which have red, green, yellow, amber or blue lights.
4. Signs with flashing, chasing, pulsating, twinkling, dancing, scintillating, and/or oscillating lights or any other rotating, revolving or moving part; except for an approved, documented historic or reproduction sign located in any H-1 (Historic Overlay) zone district or an approved sign within the D-1 (Downtown Design Overlay) zone district.
5. Illuminated signs within one hundred (100) feet of property in any residential zone district, unless the illumination of such sign is so designed that it does not shine or reflect light onto such property within a residential zone district.
6. Signs within the public right-of-way, except publicly owned signs, such as wayfinding signs and regulatory signs, and those signs approved by the city engineer.
7. Signs placed on a parked vehicle or trailer visible from the public right-of-way where the primary purpose is to advertise a product or direct people to a business located on the same or another property. For the purposes of this regulation, logos, identification or advertising on vehicles being operated by being moved on and off the site in the normal course of business are not prohibited.
8. Billboards and other off-premise signs.
9. Portable signs.
10. Roof signs.
11. Window signs that exceed twenty-five (25) percent or twenty (20) square feet, whichever is less, of the window area in which they are displayed.

E. SIGNS EXEMPT FROM THESE REGULATIONS

The following signs, unless prohibited elsewhere in these regulations, are exempt from the regulations of this chapter but may be subject to other applicable laws and regulations:

1. Signs regulated by Article IV of the City of Knoxville zoning ordinance.
2. Signs conforming to the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices* and bearing no commercial message.
3. Signs required by federal, state or local statute.
4. Signs installed by employees or officials of the City of Knoxville and Knox County, a state or federal agency in the course of their governmental duties and bearing no commercial message.
5. Signs necessary to promote health, safety and welfare, and other regulatory, statutory, traffic control or directional signs erected on public property with permission as appropriate from the state, the United States of America, Knox County or the City of Knoxville.

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6. Signs required by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
7. Legal notices and official instruments.
8. Signs installed by public utilities in their rights-of-way or on their facilities and bearing no commercial message other than such message as necessary to identify the public utility and the use.
9. Signs installed by a transit company with a franchise or other right to operate in the City of Knoxville, where such signs are installed along its routes and relate to schedules or other information about the transit route.
10. Signs approved as part of the City of Knoxville's adopted Wayfinding program.
11. Signs carried by a person when the person does not receive any financial compensation.
12. Signs incorporated into machinery or equipment by a manufacturer or distributor.
13. Signs located within a building or enclosed space that are not visible or legible from the public right-of-way or from private property or public property other than the property on which it is located.
14. 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 material and attached to the surface of a building.
15. Works of art bearing no commercial message.
16. Holiday lights and decorations with no commercial message.
17. Scoreboards and off-premise signs located on athletic fields if oriented toward the field of play.
18. Restaurant menu boards located on the premises of the restaurant when oriented toward a drive-through lane, with a maximum sign area of sixty (60) square feet and maximum height of ten (10) feet. The menu board shall be located within thirty (30) feet of the point at which orders are taken from the motor vehicle.
19. Restaurant menu displays located within ten (10) feet of a primary restaurant entrance provided the display area does not exceed four (4) square feet.
20. Official fraternal, religious or civic flags when mounted on permanent poles attached to the ground or building when located on the same site as the fraternal, religious or civic organization, institution or building.
21. Official governmental flags of the following governmental entities shall be the only official governmental flags recognized as such by the City of Knoxville:
 - a. The United States of America;
 - b. Any state, territory, or possession of the United States of America;
 - c. Any official flag adopted as such by the City of Knoxville and Knox County;
 - d. Any official flag adopted by a member state of the United Nations.
22. Decorative flags and bunting for a celebration, convention or commemoration, subject to removal within seven days following the event
23. In residential districts, any sign of a type described below which does not exceed two square feet in area:
 - a. A sign giving a property identification name or number or name(s) of occupant, one sign per lot;
 - b. A mailbox sign (one sign per dwelling unit), and
 - c. A sign(s) posted on property relating to private parking, trespassing or dangerous animals (limited to one sign per lot if less than one acre in size)
24. Temporary signs for political purposes.

25. Temporary merchandise displays and signs behind storefront windows which are not affixed permanently to the glass, nor intended for permanent display.
26. Temporary or permanent signs identifying traffic-control measures on private property, such as "stop," "yield," and similar signs, the face of which meet the standards of the "Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices" and which contain no logo or commercial message of any sort and which do not exceed six (6) square feet in area per sign.
27. Temporary signs for announcements by public or nonprofit organizations of special events or activities of interest to the general public, provided such signs are less than thirty-two (32) square feet in area, are limited to one (1) sign per site of such events, are erected no sooner than fourteen (14) days before the event, and are removed within three (3) days after the event.
28. Temporary signs on vehicles displaying terms of sale.
29. Umbrella signs.
30. Signs contained on vendor push carts.

F. SIGNS EXEMPT FROM PERMIT REQUIREMENT
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The following signs are exempt from permit requirements, but subject to other regulations of this chapter:

1. Temporary signs announcing real estate availability in residential districts which do not exceed nine (9) square feet in area per sign, which do not exceed six (6) feet in height for detached signs, and which are limited to one detached sign per street frontage and one (1) wall sign per dwelling unit.
2. Temporary signs announcing real estate availability in nonresidential districts which are less than sixty-four (64) square feet in area per sign, which do not exceed ten (10) feet in height for detached signs, and which are limited to one (1) detached sign per street frontage and one (1) wall sign per building facade if the entire building is for sale or lease or one (1) wall sign per leasable area if subunits of the building are for lease or rent.
3. Temporary signs announcing construction in residential districts which do not exceed nine (9) square feet in area and six (6) feet in height for detached signs, which are limited to one (1) per lot, and which are installed after issuance of a building permit and removed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. If a sign is displayed pursuant to this section, but construction is discontinued for a period of more than sixty (60) days, the sign shall be removed, pending continuation of construction activities.
4. Temporary signs announcing construction in nonresidential districts which are less than sixty-four (64) square feet in area and ten (10) feet in height for detached signs, which must be spaced at least one hundred (100) feet apart, and which are installed after issuance of a building permit and removed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Construction-related detached signs that are sixty-four (64) square feet or more in area and ten (10) feet or more in height must comply with the district requirements for a permanent detached sign. If a sign is displayed pursuant to this section, but construction is discontinued for a period of more than sixty (60) days, the sign shall be removed, pending continuation of construction activities.
5. Temporary signs announcing yard sales or real estate open houses which do not exceed six (6) square feet in area, are limited to one (1) per lot, which are erected no sooner than four (4) days before the event, and which are removed within two (2) days after the event. On the day of these events, and while event staff are on the site, up to two (2) flag signs, not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area, may be used to announce the event.
6. Temporary auction signs which do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area per sign, which do not exceed ten (10) feet in height for detached signs, which are limited to one (1) per lot, and which are erected no more than thirty-one (31) days prior to the event and removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the auction event. On the

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day of these events, and while event staff are on the site, up to two (2) flag signs, not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet in size, may be used to announce the event.

7. Temporary farmer's market signs, limit of two, erected on days of market operation. Any such sign shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in residential districts and thirty-two (32) square feet in all other districts.

8. Sidewalk signs in the C-2, TND-1, TC-1 and SW zone districts, provided they are less than five (5) feet in height, two (2) feet in width, have a sign area less than six (6) square feet, and may be placed no closer than twenty-five (25) feet from any other sidewalk sign. Such signs cannot be located within any designated fire lane or obstruct vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic, must comply with ADA clearance and accessibility standards, must be removed from the sidewalk at the close of business each day and shall not be illuminated.

9. Window signs which do not exceed twenty-five (25) percent or twenty (20) square feet, whichever is less, of the window area in which they are displayed.

10. Signs showing historic or landmark status of a building, provided such signs do not exceed two (2) square feet.

G. CRITERIA FOR MEASUREMENTS

1. Sign Area

a. For detached signs, the total sign area shall be measured by calculating the entire area enclosed by the perimeter of the extreme limits of the sign cabinet or module, exclusive of embellishments such as pole coverings, framing, decorating roofing, and any appurtenances required by the building code.

b. For attached signs, the total sign area shall be measured by calculating the entire area enclosed by the perimeter of the extreme limits of the sign cabinet, or, if the sign face is not a part of a sign cabinet, the sign copy, including vertical and horizontal spacing between letters and logos on the sign face.

c. A sign designed to be viewed from two (2) different directions shall be considered as one (1) sign, provided that the two (2) sign faces shall not be more than forty-two (42) inches apart if parallel, nor form an angle of more than ninety (90) degrees.

d. If the attached or detached sign or sign structure is internally illuminated or back lit by any means, the entire area shall be included within the allowable sign area calculation for the site.

2. Sign Height

a. Sign height shall be computed as the distance from the base of the sign structure to the top of the highest attached component of the sign, using as the base of the sign structure either of the following provisions providing the greatest height:

(1) the finished grade of the property below the sign, or

(2) the roadway surface at the nearest edge of pavement of the street that provides primary access to the site.

b. The finished grade of the property shall be construed for this purpose to be the final established grade after development, exclusive of any filling, berming, mounding or excavating primarily for the purpose of locating a sign.

c. For detached signs subject to the provisions of subsection L.6. below on property that shares a common property line with an interstate highway or for detached signs on property that does not share a common property line but such signs are located within one hundred (100) feet of the right-of-way of an interstate highway, the highest interstate roadway surface as measured from the sign to the crown of the roadway surface on a line perpendicular to the interstate right-of-way, or radial to the right-of-way when the subject sign is located in proximity to a curved interstate right-of-way may be used to determine the greatest allowable height.

3. Sign Spacing

a. All distances related to spacing of signs shall be measured along a straight line between the two (2) closest points of the sign structures.

4. Primary Building Elevation

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For the purposes of determining maximum allowed sign area for attached signs:

a. The primary building elevation shall be any elevation that faces onto a street right-of-way to which the parcel has street frontage and (1) has the principal entrance to the building, or (2) has an entry used primarily for customers or clients.

b. The wall area of the primary building elevation shall be determined as follows:

(1) When architectural elevations are provided that accurately and to scale depict the elevation of the structure, the wall area of the elevation shall be the area of the vertical wall surface of the building elevation exclusive of roofs, parapets and false facia; except that a parapet on the primary building elevation, if it is part of a parapet of a uniform height on three sides of a structure and of a similar and uniform building material may be included in the elevation area, but decorative parapet extensions of irregular height on one or two sides of a structure are excluded from the calculation.

(2) When architectural plans are not provided, it shall be assumed that the height of the elevation of the first floor is twelve (12) feet and that the height of the elevation of all floors above the first floor is ten (10) feet per floor. The area of the elevation is then calculated based on the formula: [building length x 12 ft. (first floor)] + [building length x 10 ft. per each additional floor] = elevation area.

5. Canopies Over Gasoline Pumps for Measuring Purposes

For the purposes of determining maximum allowed sign area, the vertical surface of canopies over gasoline pumps may be considered as part of the wall surface of an elevation.

6. Setback for Detached Signs. The setback shall be measured from the farthest most protrusion of the sign to the nearest point of a property line, street right-of-way or edge of pavement. The interstate highway right-of-way shall be considered a side or rear lot line for the purposes of determining the minimum setback required.

H. GENERAL SIGN STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Minimum Setbacks

a. All detached on-premise signs shall be set back no less than ten (10) feet from a street right-of-way or fifteen (15) from the edge of pavement, whichever is greater.

b. All detached on-premise signs shall be set back no less than five (5) feet from all side and rear property lines that are not also street right-of-way

c. Directional or information signs may be allowed closer than the minimum setback from a right-of-way or pavement with the approval of the city engineer.

2. Minimum Clearance for Projecting Signs

a. Signs shall project from a building no more than ten (10) feet and shall maintain a minimum clear height of ten (10) feet, except in the following districts:

(1) In the TND-1 (Traditional Neighborhood Development) district, signs shall project no more than four (4) feet and shall maintain a minimum clear height of eight (8) feet in the commercial portion of the development.

(2) In the H-1 (Historic Overlay) district and D-1 (Downtown Design Overlay) district signs shall :

(a) Shall maintain a minimum clear height of seven (7) feet above sidewalks if non-electrified.

(b) Shall maintain a minimum clear height of eight (8) feet above sidewalks if electrified.

b. Where such signs project over public property, the sign shall not extend closer than twenty (20) inches to the back of the curb of the street.

3. Illumination Standards. Sign illumination shall meet the following standards:

a. General Requirements.

(1) In residential zone districts internal sign illumination shall be prohibited. Signs may be externally illuminated, provided no light source exceeds seventy-five (75) footcandles of surface illumination nor is visible from streets or adjacent property;

(2) In nonresidential zone districts internally illuminated signs shall not exceed two hundred (200) foot-lamberts and externally illuminated signs shall not exceed seventy-five (75) footcandles of surface illumination;

(3) In all office districts, illuminated attached signs shall be limited to the building façade facing a street that is adjacent to the property and illuminated detached signs shall be limited to locations between the building and a street that is adjacent to the property.

b. External Illumination. Externally illuminated signs shall be shielded from adjacent buildings and streets, and shall not cause glare or other nuisances to adjacent land uses or traffic. Projecting light fixtures used for externally illuminated signs must not obscure the sign.

c. Internal Illumination. Internal illumination shall provide steady, stationary lighting through translucent materials.

d. All electrical wiring to detached signs shall be placed underground. Electrical wiring to attached signs shall be concealed from public view.

4. Sight Triangle Requirements. Detached signs shall be located so that no part of the sign structure, including the sign cabinet or sign face, shall encroach within a sight triangle having a length along the driveway or street of twenty-five (25) feet.

5. Landscape Requirements for Detached Signs. For all detached signs located within the front yard of a property, a landscape area shall be provided and maintained around the base or support structure of the detached sign. Plant material used in the landscape area shall not have a mature height of greater than forty-two (42) inches in height. For the purpose of these regulations a landscape area shall be an area reserved for the addition or augmentation of shrubs, plants, turf grasses and other natural and decorative features.

6. Covering of posts, poles, uprights and braces on detached signs. All posts, poles, uprights, braces or any other supporting structure a part of a detached sign shall be covered with material complementary to the construction of the principal building or structure on the parcel or lot, and completed with a square or rectangular perimeter footprint.

I. STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF SIGNS

1. Detached Signs Near Intersections of Interstate Highways and the Scenic Highway System.

a. An on-premise detached sign located within five hundred (500) feet of a point where the center line of an intersecting street or road meets the right-of-way of an Interstate highway as described in subsection L.6.b, and also within a two thousand (2,000) foot radius of any intersection of the interstate highway and the scenic highway system shall not exceed one hundred ninety-five (195) square feet in sign area and thirty (30) feet in height, or the sign area and sign height requirements of the zone district, whichever is less. ~~The exception to height regulations near interstate highways (section H.1) shall not apply where the sign location is within two thousand (2,000) feet of the right-of-way of the scenic highway system.~~

b. At the time of application for such a sign, all existing and proposed signs shall be located on a site plan provided to the sign inspector with certification stating whether the sign is or is not within two thousand (2,000) feet of the right-of-way of the scenic highway system.

2. Temporary Signs Subject to Permit Requirements.

a. Temporary signs shall not be erected or otherwise fixed to any pole, tree, stone, fence, building, structure or any object within the right-of-way of any street.

b. No temporary sign shall be erected at the intersection of any street in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal, or device or located in any required parking space.

c. Each business may erect or post one (1) attached or one (1) detached temporary sign on up to four (4) occasions during each calendar year, provided that each such occurrence does not exceed fifteen (15) days in duration for each occurrence. Any sign posted for a longer period must meet the requirements for a permanent detached sign.

d. No temporary sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.

e. A temporary sign shall comply with the applicable setback and parking requirements, electrical code and safety requirements.

f. A temporary sign shall not be suspended across or above public streets or other public places.

3. Awning and Canopy Signs.

a. The sign area for awning and canopy signs shall be subject to the maximum sign area calculated for all attached signs in accordance with section L of these regulations. The surface area of awnings and canopies, except for canopies over gasoline pumps as described in section G.5 above, shall not be calculated in the total area of a primary building elevation for the purposes of determining maximum allowed sign area for attached signs.

b. The canopy sign shall not extend above the highest point of the canopy upon which it is attached or two (2) feet, whichever is greater.

4. Incidental Signs on Large Sites

a. *Purpose.* Incidental signs on large sites are for the purpose of an occupant, or occupants, of a lot or parcel to convey on a permanent basis directions or information for the safety and convenience of visitors for the use, or restriction of use, of a lot or parcel.

b. *Administrative Procedures.* Incidental signs on large sites may be allowed by permit upon receipt and approval by the building official or his/her designee of a site plan showing all incidental signs for the site.

Incidental signs on large sites are exempt from the maximum sign area requirements of Article V, Section 10.

c. *Application Requirements.* Plans shall be submitted for review and consideration by City of Knoxville Plans Review and Inspections office, and shall include the following information in the application package:

(1) An application and a consent form signed by the property owner(s) of the subject site.

(2) A scaled site plan showing the location and dimensions of all property lines, rights-of-way, easements, improvements (buildings, driveways, street access points, etc.) within the site, the location of all existing and proposed signs, and if required pursuant to other provisions of this section, building elevations showing all building signs.

(3) The site plan must show the location, dimensions and construction details for all proposed incidental signs, and include sign illumination details and landscaping plans.

(4) A table identifying each sign, the overall dimensions of each sign, and the sign area of each sign must be a part of the site plan.

(5) The minimum size of a site eligible for consideration as a large site shall be a single lot or parcel, or several contiguous lots or parcels, of no less than two and one-half (2.5) acres.

d. *Incidental Sign Standards.* Incidental signs on large sites are permitted subject to the following standards:

(1) Classification of signs permitted. Directional signs, information signs, and/or on-site directory signs may be permitted as incidental signs on large sites.

(2) Types of signs permitted. Wall, window, monument or column signs may be permitted as incidental signs on large sites.

(3) Exempt from other sign area requirements. Signs approved as incidental signs on large sites are exempt from the maximum sign area allowed for a lot or building and shall not count as one of the wall, window, monument or column signs permitted by other provisions of Article V, Section 10.

(4) Number of signs. The number of incidental signs permitted per lot or parcel shall be in accordance with the site plan submitted and approved by the building official.

(5) Maximum sign area. The maximum sign area for any directional, information or on-site directory sign approved as part of a site plan of incidental signs on large sites shall be sixteen (16) square feet. An area not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the approved sign area may be devoted to a name or logo of a business, use or place.

(6) Maximum sign height for monument and column signs. The maximum height of monument or column signs used as incidental signs on large sites shall be six (6) feet.

(7) Setbacks. Incidental signs on large sites shall be located not closer than ten (10) feet to a street right-of-way line or fifteen (15) feet from the edge of street pavement, whichever is greater, not closer than two (2) feet from any internal driveway or parking lot, and not closer than five (5) feet from any side or rear property line.

(8) Illumination. Incidental signs on large sites shall be subject to the standards for illumination in accordance with the zone district of the lot or parcel.

(9) Once approved as part of a site plan of incidental signs on a large site, conversion of a directional, information or on-site directory sign to an off-premise sign without proper approvals is prohibited.

5. Landmark and Historic Signs.

a. The purpose of these regulations is to promote the protection of nonconforming signs that represent important aspects of the City's heritage, to enhance the character of the community by considering such signs during development, and to assist owner(s) in the preservation and restoration of their signs.

b. Landmark Signs. The purpose of designating a sign as a landmark sign is to encourage the restoration and retention of on-premise, nonconforming signs that are historically significant. Once designated as a landmark sign, the sign shall be considered to be in compliance with any zoning regulations and will be exempt from regulations of Article V, Section 10, except as stated herein.

(1) Designation Criteria. The Building Official, upon receiving a report of recommendation from the Historic Zoning Commission, may designate an existing on-premises sign as a landmark sign if it meets the following criteria:

(a) The sign has been in continuous existence at the present location for at least 50 years.

(b) The sign is an on-premise sign, which meets at least four (4) of the following criteria:

(i) It was expressly designed for the business, institution, or other establishments at that location; or

(ii) A national or local emblem, logo, or other graphic that is unique to the property or the establishment is an integral part of the sign structure; or

(iii) The sign exhibits unique or rare characteristics that enhance the streetscape or identity of a neighborhood; or

(iv) The sign is significant as evidence of the history of the product, business or service advertised; or

(v) The sign is characteristic of a specific historic period; or

(vi) The sign is integral to the building's design or physical fabric; or

(vii) The sign represents an outstanding example of the sign maker's art due to craftsmanship, use of materials or design.

(c) The sign complies with the appropriate provisions of the state and local building and electrical codes.

(d) The sign is structurally safe or is capable of being made so without substantially altering its historical significance.

c. Historic Signs. The restoration and retention of nonconforming, historically significant signs that have been removed from original locations and are to be reused is encouraged. Allowing these signs to move to other locations within the community may be necessary to ensure preservation. Once designated as a historic sign, certain nonconforming aspects of the sign shall be considered to be in compliance with the zoning regulations and will be exempt from regulations of Article V, Section 10, except as stated herein.

(1) Designation Criteria. The Building Official, upon receiving a report of recommendation from the Historic Zoning Commission, may designate an existing sign as a historic sign if it meets the following criteria:

(a) The sign must be at least 50 years old.

(b) The sign must meet at least three (3) of the following criteria:

(i) A national or local emblem, logo, or other graphic that is unique to a property or establishment is an integral part of the design of the sign structure; or

(ii) The sign exhibits unique or rare characteristics that enhance the streetscape or identity of a neighborhood; or

(iii) The sign is significant as evidence of the history of the product, business or service advertised; or

(iv) The sign is characteristic of a specific historic period; or

(v) The sign represents an outstanding example of the sign maker's art due to craftsmanship, use of materials or design.

(c) The sign complies with the appropriate provisions of the state and local building and electrical codes.

(d) The sign is structurally safe or is capable of being made so without substantially altering its historical significance.

d. Landmark and Historic Sign Administrative Procedures.

(1) Review and Recommendation by Historic Zoning Commission.

(a) Authorized Applicants. Any member of City Council, the Mayor or his/her representative, the property owner of the parcel where a proposed landmark sign is located, or the owner of the site where a

proposed historic sign is to be relocated, may apply for designation of an existing sign as a landmark or historic sign.

(b) Applications and Fees Submitted to MPC. Such application shall be submitted to and on a form determined by the MPC as support to the City of Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission, accompanied by a fee as established by the MPC.

(c) Required Information on Application. At the time of the filing of an application for designation of a sign, the applicant must file all necessary information in order for the Historic Zoning Commission to determine if the sign meets the criteria for the requested designation and make a recommendation. The staff of the MPC or the Historic Zoning Commission has the authority to request whatever other information is necessary in order to make a decision. The burden of proof for meeting the criteria is upon the applicant.

(d) Public Notice and Hearing. Prior to consideration of the application at a meeting of the Historic Zoning Commission, MPC shall provide notice of the public hearing in accordance with the administrative rules of the Historic Zoning Commission.

(e) Authority of the Historic Zoning Commission. After consideration of the application at a public hearing, the City of Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission shall have the authority to make a recommendation to approve or disapprove the designation of an existing sign as a landmark or historic sign upon consideration of the criteria stated above.

(f) Report on Action. In recommending approval or disapproval of a landmark or historic sign designation, the Historic Zoning Commission shall state the reasons for the decision in a report to the Building Official. Such report shall include the application and any supporting material considered by the Historic Zoning Commission and minutes of the meeting.

(2) Designation as a landmark or historic sign.

(a) Consideration of recommendation of Historic Zoning Commission. The Building Official shall take into account the recommendation of the Historic Zoning Commission in making a decision on the designation of an existing sign as a landmark or historic sign.

(b) Approval Authority. The Building Official shall have the authority to approve or disapprove the designation of an existing sign as a landmark or historic sign based upon the criteria stated above.

(c) Rationale for Approval. In approving or disapproving a landmark or historic sign application, the Building Official shall state the reasons in writing.

(d) Appeals. An appeal of the Building Official's decision must be properly filed in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance at Article VII, Section 1(C).

(e) Maintenance of a Landmark and Historic Sign Inventory. Once a sign has been designation as a landmark or historic sign, the Building Official shall add the sign to its records and send notice of the action taken to the Historic Zoning Commission and to the applicant.

(3) Issuing of Permits.

(a) Authorized Applicants. The property owner of the parcel where a proposed landmark sign is located, or the owner of the site where a proposed historic sign is to be relocated, may apply for approval of a permit to restore; repair, move and replace a landmark sign; or remove, repair and move to another location a historic sign, provided said signs are designated as landmark or historic signs.

(b) Applications Submitted to Department of Plans Review and Inspections. Such application shall be submitted to and on a form determined by the Department of Plans Review and Inspections.

(c) Required Information on Application. At the time of the filing of an application for a permit for a sign designated as a landmark or historic sign, the applicant must file all necessary information in order for the Building Official to determine if the proposed work on the sign will meet the intent of this ordinance. The Building Official has the authority to request whatever other information is necessary in order to make a decision. The burden of proof for meeting the criteria is upon the applicant.

(d) Approval Authority. The City of Knoxville Building Official shall have the authority, in accordance with Article V, Section 10(L), (N) and (O), to approve or deny a permit to restore; repair, and remove and replace a landmark sign; or remove, repair and move to another location a historic sign.

(e) Exempt Work. Owners may voluntarily remove a sign once designated as a landmark or historic sign, provided such sign is not within a designated Historic Overlay (H-1) zone district, and provided that the owner of the sign notifies the Department of Plans Review and Inspections of such action. After such notification, the sign will be removed from the Landmark and Historic Sign Inventory by the Building Official.

e. Landmark and Historic Sign Regulations.

(1) Landmark Sign Location. If a landmark sign is moved on-premise, it shall be subject to the location regulations of this ordinance.

(2) Landmark Sign Use Agreement Required. If any portion of a landmark sign is permitted to remain in or over a public right-of-way, a City or State use or encroachment agreement shall be executed.

(3) Historic Sign Location. An historic sign may be moved to another location on the site where it is currently located or to another property. It is encouraged that the sign be relocated to a site within the area from which it originated. The receiving site must be located within a nonresidential zone district or mixed-use form district which allows commercial signs.

(4) Nonconforming Aspects of Historic Signs. Relocated historic signs that are nonconforming based on their size, height, animation, moving parts, or moving, flashing, color or type of lighting do not have to be brought into conformance. However, relocated signs may not move further out of conformance by any physical alterations to the sign. The lighting of such signs shall be located, screened, or shielded so that abutting lots located in any residential district are not directly illuminated and do not cause glare or impair the vision of motorists. All other regulations shall apply with the following exceptions:

(a) Projecting signs may extend beyond the maximum projecting dimension based upon the existing dimension of the sign.

(b) Roof signs and flashing, fluttering, swinging, and rotating signs, which may be currently prohibited, may be relocated and maintain the prohibited characteristics provided such features contribute to the historic or cultural character of the sign and are in keeping with the surrounding area.

6. Electronic Message Centers. Within all zone districts the following regulations shall apply to Electronic Message Centers (EMC):

a. EMCs legally existing on April 10, 2009, shall be allowed to continue operation subject to meeting the operational standards as required by subsection (m) herein. After April 10, 2009, no EMC shall be permitted in any location except in the following instances:

(1) An EMC may be permitted in those areas covered by an H-1 overlay district subject to approval as required within an H-1 district.

(2) An EMC may be permitted in those areas covered by a D-1 overlay district subject to approval as required within a D-1 district.

(3) An EMC may be permitted in those specific zone districts that allow EMCs with approved design regulations or guidelines subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory body for such district.

(4) An EMC may be permitted as a changeable price sign subject to the requirements of subsection I.7 below.

b. No EMC shall be erected or used by a business unless any existing changeable letter reader board is first removed from the parcel.

c. An EMC shall be included in the total signage permitted on the parcel.

d. An EMC shall be permitted as a wall sign, or an integrated part of the total sign surface of a detached on-premise sign. For purposes of this section, integrated into the total sign surface of a detached on-premise sign shall mean an EMC cabinet contained within or contiguous to the smallest, simple polygon enclosing all of the non-electronic advertising content of a sign.

e. An EMC permitted as part of a ground or monument sign shall have a minimum matrix area of twenty (20) square feet and a maximum size of one third (1/3) of the total signage permitted or one hundred (100) square feet, whichever is less.

f. An EMC permitted as a wall sign shall not exceed one hundred (100) sq. ft.

g. Each display on an EMC shall hold constant for a minimum of sixty (60) seconds.

h. An EMC shall not display light of such intensity or brightness to cause glare. An EMC must be equipped with an automatic dimmer device and controlled by a light detector. It is the responsibility of the sign owner to demonstrate compliance with brightness/intensity and dimming settings.

Brightness, also known as intensity, shall be measured in candelas per square meter, which is also referred to as nits, and shall not exceed the following standards:

Daytime maximum brightness	3,000 nits
Nighttime maximum brightness	750 nits
Maximum brightness at the property line	0.2 footcandles
Maximum bulb wattage for incandescent light	40 watts

i. No electronic message center (EMC) shall be permitted in any location which is zoned C-1.

- j. The images and messages displayed must be static. The images and messages displayed must be complete in themselves, without continuation in content to the next image or message or to any other sign.
- k. The transition from one display to another must be instantaneous without any special effects.

l. Every line of text in an EMC shall meet or exceed the following standards:

Designated Speed Limit on Frontage Road (in MPH)	Minimum Text Size (in Inches)
25 to 34	7
35 to 44	9
45 to 54	12
55 and above	15

If there is insufficient room for text of this size in the area allowed under clause 5 above, then no text is allowed.

m. All EMCs legally existing on [the effective date of this ordinance], must comply with the operational standards listed in subsections g, h, j, k, and l above. A legally existing EMC that cannot meet the minimum text size requirement in subsection l above must use the largest size possible for one line of text to fit in the available space.

7. Changeable Price Signs. An EMC may be used as a changeable price sign subject to the following:

- (a) Changeable price signs shall be limited to parcels with a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) feet of frontage on the street where the property is addressed.
- (b) Each changeable price sign on a parcel shall be counted toward the total allowable signage allowed per parcel.
- (c) Changeable price signs shall be integrated into a detached on-premise sign or be placed on a canopy or wall in accordance with these regulations,
- (d) Changeable price signs shall be limited to three (3) per detached sign structure or three (3) per building or canopy face.
- (e) An EMC may be integrated into a changeable price sign subject to the following:
- (1) The EMC component shall be used only as a changeable price component; and
 - (2) The minimum matrix area of each EMC component of a changeable price sign shall be six (6) square feet and the maximum shall be twenty-five (25) square feet per changeable price sign.

J. MASTER SIGN PLANS

1. *Purpose.* For the purpose of providing flexibility and incentives for coordinated, well designed sign systems for shopping centers, commercial subdivisions, office parks and other large scale commercial and mixed use developments, a master signage plan is required for certain signs identified within Article 5, Section 10, and sign systems within the TC-1 (Town Center) district. A master sign plan will promote the use of signs which are aesthetically pleasing, of appropriate scale, and integrated with surrounding buildings and landscape, in order to meet the community's expressed desire for quality development consistent with the property's land use designation.

2. *Application Requirements.* Master sign plans required pursuant to other provisions of this ordinance shall be submitted for review and consideration by the Metropolitan Planning Commission as a use permitted on review, and shall include the following information in the application package:

- a. Master sign plan application and a consent form signed by all the property owner(s), or owners' representatives, for the unified development under consideration.
- b. A site plan showing the location and dimensions of all property lines, rights-of-way, easements, improvements (buildings, driveways, street access points, etc.) within the unified development, the location of all existing and proposed signs, and if required pursuant to other provisions of this ordinance, building elevations showing all building signs.
- c. Scale drawings showing the dimensions and construction details for all proposed signs including sign illumination and landscaping plans.
- d. Computation of the maximum total sign area, the maximum area for individual signs, the height of signs and the number of freestanding signs allowed on the lots included in the unified development under consideration.
- e. A copy of any sign restrictions proposed or implemented for the unified development.

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- f. Documentation including an accurate site plan for the development shall be provided showing that the development was approved as a shopping center, commercial subdivision, office park, or, mixed use development within the TC-1 (Town Center) district. The development may be located on both sides of a street or streets if it is determined by the Metropolitan Planning Commission that it functions as a unified development.
- g. The minimum size of a development eligible for consideration as a unified development shall be twenty-five thousand 25,000 square feet of gross floor area and must contain three (3) or more businesses or tenants.
- h. For the purposes of approving a master sign plan, the Metropolitan Planning Commission shall determine the boundaries of the unified development based on the application and evidence submitted in support of the application.
- i. The approved signs shall be located on property within the area defined by the Metropolitan Planning Commission as the unified development.

3. *Administrative Procedures.* Master Sign Plans shall be reviewed by the Metropolitan Planning Commission as a Use Permitted on Review. A Master Sign Plan may also be included as part of a development plan or use permitted on review application for a shopping center, commercial subdivision, office park or similar development. The Metropolitan Planning Commission may approve, modify or deny the request. All applications for sign permits in an area with an approved Master Sign Plan shall be in conformance with the Plan. Since approval of Master Sign Plan is a privilege and not a right, variances from the sign standards of Article 5, Section 10, shall not be granted for development directory signs or project directional signs. When a Master Sign Plan has been approved, variances shall not be granted for any signs on a lot covered by the Master Sign Plan. The action of the Planning Commission may be appealed as provided in Article 7, Section 6F.

4. *Development Directory Sign.* To encourage coordinated, well designed sign systems that allow sufficient identification of businesses within unified developments in a manner which promotes traffic safety and avoids visual blight, development directory signs may be approved by the metropolitan planning commission as a part of a master sign plan (see subsection 25, above) subject to meeting the following:

- a. The development directory sign shall meet the requirements of subsection L of these regulations for a detached sign in a commercial or industrial zone district.
- b. The development directory sign shall count as one of the detached signs permitted pursuant to these regulations for the lot on which the sign will be located. If the maximum number of business ground or monument signs and/or the maximum surface area is already met or exceeded on a lot proposed for a development directory sign, the number of signs and/or surface area must be reduced so that the addition of the development directory sign would put the signs on the lot in conformance with the maximum limitations.
- c. Only the name and/or logo for the unified development and the names and/or logos of individual establishments within the unified development shall be permitted on the sign face(s). The name of the unified development shall be located at the top of the sign and shall be designed to stand out from the listing of tenants within the unified development.
- d. Only one development directory sign shall be allowed per street frontage (per side of the street) for the unified development. Interstate frontage is considered a street frontage.
- e. Approved development directory signs shall not be converted to any other type of off-premise sign.
- f. A development directory sign approved as part of a master sign plan for a unified development of one hundred (100) acres or more fronting on an interstate highway with a 500-foot minimum may incorporate one Electronic Message Center as an integral part of a detached sign and shall have a minimum matrix area of twenty (20) square feet and a maximum matrix area of two hundred fifty (250) square feet. Such sign shall be identified on and constructed in accordance with an approved master sign plan.

5. *Project Directional Sign.* To promote the safe and efficient flow of traffic, project directional signs may be approved by the metropolitan planning commission as a part of a master sign plan (see subsection 25, above) to direct traffic from a collector or arterial street (as designated in the *Major Road Plan for Knoxville – Knox County, Tennessee*) to businesses located on the same or lower classification streets within the same unified development, subject to meeting the following:

- a. The project directional sign shall be located at the intersection of the lower classification street with the collector or arterial road and shall be oriented toward the traffic flow on the collector or arterial road.
- b. The project directional sign shall be located out of the right-of-way and shall comply with setback, sight distance and sight triangle requirements for the lot on which it is located.

c. A project directional sign shall not be located closer than 500 linear feet to any other project directional sign on the same side of the collector or arterial road. Only one project directional sign may be permitted per intersection on the same side of the collector or arterial road.

d. The project directional sign may be approved in addition to any ground or monument signs that are allowed on a specific lot.

e. Only the name and/or logo for the unified development, name and or logo of individual establishments within the unified development and a directional arrow shall be permitted on the sign face(s).

f. The project directional sign shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and a maximum surface area of thirty-six (36) square feet.

g. Approved project directional signs shall not be converted to any other type of sign.

6. *Administrative Changes.* After approval of a master sign plan by the Planning Commission, the MPC executive director, or designee, may approve a change to the signage plan administratively in instances of an increase in the size of any sign by up to ten (10) percent; provided this does not exceed the maximum sizes permitted by these regulations.

K. SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL ZONE DISTRICTS

The following regulations shall apply in all zone districts:

1. One (1) nameplate per building may be permitted with a maximum sign area of two (2) square feet for any residential building and six (6) square feet for any nonresidential building.

2. One (1) bulletin board or identification sign for public recreation uses, community facilities, hospitals, and clinics may be permitted with a maximum sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet. These signs may be allowed in addition to the maximum sign area as calculated by the controlling zone district,

3. Directional signs within a parking lot to designate entrances and exits may be permitted with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet and a maximum sign height of forty-two (42) inches. One (1) sign may be located at each entrance and exit.

4. One (1) informational sign within a parking lot identifying or designating the conditions of uses of such parking area may be permitted with a maximum sign area of twelve (12) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.

5. One (1) ground or wall sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises on which the sign is located when there are two or more lots in the development and the properties are in excess of one hundred (100) feet in width may be permitted with a maximum sign area of four (4) square feet plus one (1) square foot for each five (5) lineal feet of street frontage over one hundred (100) feet, provided that in no case may the sign exceed two hundred (200) square feet. A ground sign shall have a maximum height of twelve (12) feet.

6. One (1) ground sign advertising the sale of property in an approved subdivision and located on some portion of the subdivision may be permitted with a maximum sign area of one hundred (100) square feet and a maximum height of twelve (12) feet. Such sign may be externally illuminated, may be permitted for one (1) year, and may be renewed for additional one (1) year periods.

L. SIGNS PERMITTED BY SPECIFIC ZONE DISTRICT

1. Agricultural and Open Space zone districts (A-1, OS-1 and OS-2)

a. In A-1, OS-1 and OS-2 districts, nameplates and wall signs for home occupations with proper approval of the home occupation use are allowed as attached signs, with a maximum sign area of two (2) square feet.

b. In A-1, OS-1 and OS-2 districts, detached signs are allowed, and may include ground signs, monument signs, column signs and temporary signs as permitted within this section, subject to the following requirements:

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(1) For the purpose of advertising the sale of farm products produced on the premises there shall be permitted not more than two (2) non-illuminated signs with a maximum sign area of twelve (12) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.

(2) For a church, school or public building there shall be permitted one (1) bulletin board or identification sign per lot with a maximum sign area of twenty (20) square feet, a maximum height of eight (8) feet and shall be limited to indirect illumination.

c. In A-1, OS-1 and OS-2 districts, identification signs, detached or attached to a building, shall be permitted for public parks, playgrounds and other outdoor recreation uses with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.

2. Floodway zone districts (F-1)

a. In F-1 districts, identification signs, detached or attached to a building, shall be permitted for public parks, playgrounds and other outdoor recreation uses with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.

b. Detached identification signs shall be limited to external illumination.

3. Historic overlay zone districts (H-1)

a. In H-1 districts, one (1) information sign, detached or attached to the building, shall be permitted in connection with the use of the lot with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet and a maximum height of eight (8) feet.

b. An information sign is allowed in addition to any other signs allowed in accordance with the underlying base zone district.

4. Residential zone districts (R-1, R-1A, R-1E, EN-1, EN-2, R-2, R-3, R-4, RP-1, RP-2, RP-3)

a. *Type of signs and dimensions allowed for residential uses.* In residential zone districts, the following signs on a residential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following dimensional requirements:

(1) For properly approved home occupations, one (1) wall sign with a maximum sign area of two (2) square feet, or one (1) ground or column signs for properly approved home occupations with a maximum sign area of two (2) square feet and a maximum height of forty-two (42) inches.

(2) Wall signs for multi-dwelling structures or developments, rooming and boarding houses, and fraternity and sorority houses with a maximum sign area of nine (9) square feet.

(3) Monument or column signs for multi-dwelling structures or developments on sites greater than two (2) acres, mobile home parks, and subdivisions with more than twenty-five (25) lots for residential purposes with a maximum sign area of thirty-six (36) square feet, and a maximum height of six (6) feet.

b. *Type of signs and dimensions allowed for nonresidential uses.* In residential zone districts, the following signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following dimensional requirements:

(1) For medical facilities with less than one hundred fifty (150) linear feet of street frontage, clubhouses for civic or nonprofit organizations, lodge halls, studios and day care centers for more than twelve (12) children:

(a) Non-illuminated attached signs up a maximum total sign area of sixteen (16) square feet; and

(b) One monument or column sign with a maximum sign area of twenty (20) square feet, and a maximum height of five (5) feet.

(2) For medical facilities with one hundred fifty (150) linear feet or more of street frontage, churches, schools, public buildings, cemeteries and country clubs:

(a) Non-illuminated attached signs up a maximum total sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet; and

(b) One monument or column sign with a maximum sign area of thirty-six (36) square feet, and a maximum height of six (6) feet.

(3) In the RP-1, RP-2 and RP-3 zone districts only, wall signs for each tenant where there are less than five (5) tenants within a common structure with a maximum sign area of ten (10) square feet, provided that the top of the sign shall be no more than twelve (12) feet above ground level.

(4) In the RP-3 zone districts only, one (1) detached identification signs for each structure where there are five (5) or more tenants with a maximum sign area of one hundred (100) square feet, and a maximum sign height of twelve (12) feet.

5. Office zone districts (O-1, O-2, and O-3)

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a. *Regulations for residential uses.* In office districts, regulation of signs for permitted residential uses shall be the same as for residential zone districts.

b. *Types of signs and dimensions allowed.* In office districts, the following signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following dimensional requirements:

(1) Attached signs with a total allowed sign area equal to five (5) percent of the wall area of the primary building elevation(s), provided that the sign area may be used on any elevation of the building that does not face an adjacent residential zone district and that no individual sign may exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area.

(2) One (1) detached sign is allowed per parcel or lot, subject to the following requirements:

(a) Types of detached signs are limited to monument or column signs, except on property that is adjacent to a major arterial road, expressway or interstate, as documented in the Knoxville-Knox County Major Road Plan, a pole sign may be erected in the yard adjacent to such roads;

(b) The maximum sign area shall be thirty-six (36) square feet; and

(c) The maximum height shall be six (6) feet, except that adjacent to a major arterial road, expressway or interstate, as documented in the Knoxville-Knox County Major Road Plan, a monument or column sign may be eight (8) feet and a pole sign may be fifteen (15) feet.

6. Commercial and Industrial zone districts (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, PC-1, PC-2, SC-1, SC-2, SC-3, BP-1, I-1, I-2, I-3 and I-4)

a. *Types of signs and dimensions allowed.* In commercial and industrial districts, the following signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following dimensional requirements:

(1) Development directory and project directional signs may be approved as part of a master sign plan in accordance with the regulations at section J.

(2) Attached signs with a total allowed sign area equal to ten (10) percent of the wall area of the primary building elevation(s), providing that the sign area may be used on any elevation of the building.

(4) Detached signs in accordance with the standards described herein, except that standards specified for individual zone districts in Article IV shall prevail.

b. *Number and type of detached signs and dimensions allowed for secondary detached signs.* In commercial and industrial districts, the number of detached signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) One (1) detached sign is allowed per street frontage, up to a maximum of two (2) per parcel or lot.

For these purposes, an adjacent interstate highway shall be considered a street frontage, even though there can be no access to it.

(2) The detached sign that is oriented to the street frontage from which the parcel is addressed shall be deemed primary and subject to the requirements of this subsection; and

(3) Any secondary detached sign on each lot shall be limited to a monument or column sign with a maximum sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet and a maximum sign height of eight (8) feet.

c. *Maximum sign heights for primary detached signs.* In commercial and industrial zone districts, the maximum sign height for primary detached signs shall be thirty (30) feet, except that the maximum sign height for primary signs shall be forty (40) feet for properties within five hundred (500) linear feet of a point where the center line of an intersecting street or road meets the right-of-way of an Interstate at the following interchanges:

(a) Interstate 40/75 at Lovell Road, Pellissippi Parkway/Interstate 140, Cedar Bluff Road, and Weisgarber Road/Papermill Drive/Northshore Drive;

(b) Interstate 640/75 at Clinton Highway and Western Avenue;

(c) Interstate 640 at Broadway, Washington Pike and Millertown Pike;

(d) Interstate 40 at Asheville Highway, Strawberry Plains Pike and Midway Road;

(e) Interstate 75 at Merchant Drive, Callahan Road and Emory Road; and

(f) Interstate 140 at Kingston Pike, Westland Drive, and Northshore Drive.

d. *Maximum sign area for primary detached signs.* The maximum sign area for primary detached signs shall be one hundred ninety-five (195) square feet, except that the maximum sign area for primary signs shall be two hundred twenty (220) square feet for properties within 500 linear feet of a point where the center line of an

intersecting street or road meets the right-of-way of an Interstate at the interchanges described above in subsection c.

e. Exceptions to the standards described above.

(1) On parcels and lots adjacent to the interstate, a secondary detached sign, if located within one hundred (100) feet of the interstate right-of-way and if its sign faces are oriented perpendicular or radial to the interstate right-of-way is subject to the maximum height and sign area requirements for a primary detached sign.

(2) In the BP-1 zone districts, the maximum sign area for detached signs is one hundred (100) square feet and the maximum height is six (6) feet.

(3) A development within a planned commercial or shopping center zone district (PC-1, PC-2, SC-1, SC-2 and SC-3) that is twenty (20) acres or more may increase the maximum sign height by ten (10) percent for a primary ground sign. This exception shall not apply where the sign location is within two thousand (2,000) feet of the right-of-way of the scenic highway system.

(4) In planned commercial, shopping, business or industrial zone district (PC-1, PC-2, SC-1, SC-2, SC-3, BP-1, and I-1), additional signs may be approved by the planning commission as part of the development plan provided that scale drawings indicate the signs will not detract from the character of the development or surrounding development and that the development plan clearly shows that because of unusual topography, building locations and relationships or developments with multiple structures, additional signs are essential to inform and direct the public.

(5) In the neighborhood commercial (C-1) and pedestrian commercial (C-7) zone districts, the maximum sign area for detached signs is fifty (50) square feet.

7. Mixed Use zone districts (TC-1 and TND-1)

a. In TC-1 and TND-1 zone districts, approval of a master sign plan in accordance with subsection J is required at the time of development plan approval. Development directory and directional signs may be approved as part of the master sign plan.

(1) The types of signs shall be shown in the master sign plan for non-residential and multi-dwelling structures within a TND. These shall be outlined in relation to the proposed uses. In order to reduce visual clutter, no more than two types of signs, other than window signs, are allowed on the front face of a building.

(2) The locations of the types of signs and the landscaping around any detached signs shall be shown in the master sign plan and the development plan.

(3) Increases in dimensions of a sign of up to ten (10) percent may be approved administratively by MPC staff. Changing the text, message, design or material of sign shall not require the approval of MPC or its staff.

b. In TC-1 and TND-1 zone districts, regulations for signs for permitted residential uses shall be the same as for residential zone districts.

c. In TC-1 and TND-1 zone districts, the following signs on a nonresidential parcel or lot shall be allowed, subject to the following specified dimensional requirements:

(1) Attached signs, including arcade and hanging signs, awning and canopy signs, historic and landmark signs marquee signs, projecting signs, shingle signs, temporary signs, and wall signs with a total allowable sign area of five (5) percent of the wall area of the primary building elevations, providing that the sign area may be used on any elevation of the building. The maximum sign area for individual projecting signs shall be twelve (12) square feet; and for hanging, arcade or shingle signs, six (6) square feet.

(2) A maximum of one (1) detached sign is allowed per street frontage, up to a maximum of two (2) per parcel or lot.

(3) Detached signs, including historic and landmark signs, incidental signs (including on-site directional, directory and informational signs), monument signs, column signs, and temporary signs with a maximum sign area and height according to the following table:

TABLE L.7.1

Dimensional Standards for Detached Signs			
Number of Stories in Building	Maximum Height (feet)	Maximum Width (feet)	Maximum Sign Area (square feet)
1 to 1½ stories	4 feet	4 feet	16 sq. ft.
2 stories	5 feet	5 feet	24 sq. ft.

3 stories	6 feet	6 feet	32 sq. ft.
The height of the base of a monument sign shall not exceed 18 inches.			
The column of a column sign shall not exceed 24 inches in width nor extend more than 6 inches above the sign area.			

M. CREATION OF SPECIAL SIGN DISTRICTS

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N. SIGN CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

1. Sign Construction

a. *Conformity with Adopted Building Codes.* Any permanent sign erected, constructed, or placed on any property in the City of Knoxville shall conform to the latest adopted revision of the Standard Building Code.

b. *Conformity with Adopted Electric Codes.* If serviced by electric power, any permanent sign shall conform to the latest adopted revision of the National Electrical Code. Electrical materials and devices incorporated into such signs shall be certified by the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., and shall bear the ULI label, or the label of another approved testing laboratory. Temporary signs if serviced by electrical power shall conform to the latest adopted revision of the National Electrical Code.

c. *Address Required.* All permanent on-premise signs shall contain the street number of the business.

2. Sign Maintenance

a. *Premises maintenance.* All signs and surrounding premises shall be maintained by the owner thereof in a clean and sanitary condition, and free and clear of all debris, trash, litter, garbage, refuse, and weeds and in full compliance with the city's ordinances concerning lot cleanliness set forth in the Code of Ordinances Chapter 13, Article VI.

b. *Structure maintenance.* All signs, including supporting structures, shall be kept in good and safe repair and shall be maintained in good and safe condition, including the periodic application of paint and/or other weatherproofing material in order to prevent rust or other decay. The Chief Building Official, or designee, may order the removal of any sign that is not maintained in accordance with the provisions of this section. Such removal or expense incurred to assure compliance with this section shall be at the expense of the permittee or the owner of such sign.

c. *Display surface or other advertising surface maintenance.* The display surface or other advertising material of a sign shall not be allowed to deteriorate to a broken, torn, peeling, flaking or otherwise decayed condition and shall be repaired or removed within ninety (90) days of receipt of notice mailed to the owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, from the Chief Building Official ordering such repair or removal. If the owner fails to remove or alter the display surface so as to comply with the standards herein set forth within the time specified in such notice, such display advertising material may be removed or altered to comply with such notice. Such removal or expense incurred to assure compliance with this section shall be at the expense of the permittee or the owner of such sign. An appeal may be made to overcome some exceptional condition which poses practical difficulty or particular hardship in such a way as to prevent an owner from repairing the sign within ninety (90) days.

O. ABANDONED SIGNS

1. Abandoned Sign Determination

Any sign, including its supporting structure, erected in conjunction with a particular use, that use having been subsequently discontinued for a period of sixty (60) days or more, or a lawfully erected temporary sign for which the time period allowed for display of the sign has expired. Abandonment shall be presumed if, for a period of sixty (60) days or longer, the sign has not 1) advertised goods, services, facilities, events or attractions available on the premises where located, 2) identified the owner or occupant, 3) directed traffic on the premises, or 4) displayed a noncommercial message which may or may not related to an activity located on the premises.

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Any sign which otherwise conforms to the provisions of this Article, and by reason of the cessation of activity on the premises, becomes an off-premises sign, may be retained for a period of one year by one of the following methods:

- a. Painted Sign: The sign shall be covered by painting over the sign area.
- b. Removable Sign Face: The sign face shall be removed and replaced with a blank insert or the sign face may be reversed.
- c. Temporary Covering: The sign face may be temporarily covered by the installation of a sock or boot. If activity on the property has not resumed within a period of one (1) year, then the sign shall be presumed abandoned and shall be taken down and removed as provided herein.

2. Removal of Abandoned Signs

Any abandoned sign, now or hereafter existing, shall be taken down and removed by the owner, agent, or person having the beneficial use of the building, structure, or property upon which such sign may be found, within thirty (30) days after the written notification from the Chief Building Official, or designee. In making a determination that a sign is abandoned the building official shall consider among other factors, the existence or absence of a current occupational license for the premises, whether there are active utilities or a utilities service deposit at that location, and use of the premises. If such abandoned sign is not removed at the conclusion of such thirty (30)-day period, the Chief Building Official or designee is hereby authorized to cause the sign to be removed forthwith at the expense of the owner. For purposes of this section, the word "remove" shall mean:

- a. The sign face, along with posts, columns or supports of "detached" signs, shall be taken down and removed from the property.
- b. The sign face and supporting structures of "projecting", "roof", or "attached" signs shall be taken down and removed from the property.
- c. The sign face of "painted attached signs" shall be removed by painting over the wall sign in such a manner as to completely cover up and hide from sight the sign in question.

P. LEGAL NONCONFORMING SIGNS

1. An owner of any off-premise or on-premise sign or structure legally existing at the time of the adoption of this amendment which does not conform to the requirements of this ordinance shall have until July 1, 1984, to register with the City Building Inspection Department for purpose of ensuring to the owner the right to continue such non-conforming use.

2. After July 1, 1984, any non-conforming sign not registered shall be considered an illegal sign. The Chief Building Official shall notify or make reasonable effort to notify the owner of the sign of such condition. If after thirty (30) days of such notification the sign has not been removed by the owner, the City, its officials, or its employees shall have the authority to enter on the private property on which the sign is located to remove such sign and/or institute appropriate action to have the sign removed. The City is further authorized to place a lien, in the amount of the removal cost, against the property upon which the illegal non-conforming sign is located.

3. Regulations for off-premise signs approved prior to 1984.

a. Size, location and structure restrictions. Off-premise signs shall be placed on a unipole structure and shall not be double-decked (either one above the other, or side by side on the same structure). The total sign area per face shall not exceed forty-eight (48) feet by fourteen (14) feet (six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet) with a twenty (20) percent nonpermanent extension, except within five hundred (500) feet of interstate arteries where the total sign area per face may be seven hundred seventy-five (775) square feet.

b. Spacing requirements - Primary and secondary arteries. No off-premise sign structure shall be established within seven hundred fifty (750) feet of any other off-premise sign structure on either side of the same street. The minimum distance between sign structures shall be measured along a straight line and shall be made between the two (2) nearest points of the structures. The minimum spacing shall apply to off-premise sign structures located on either side of the same street or highway. Official and on-premise signs as well as any other sign which does not constitute an off-premise sign structure as defined herein, shall not be counted nor shall measurements be made from them for the purpose of determining compliance with these spacing requirements.

c. Spacing requirements - Interstate arteries. No off-premise sign structure shall be established within one thousand (1,000) feet of any other off-premise sign structure on the same side of the same interstate artery. The

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minimum distance between sign structures shall be measured along a straight line and shall be made between the two (2) nearest points of the structures.

d. Setback requirements. All off-premise sign structures, including billboards, shall be erected in conformity with the front, side and rear yard requirements of the district in which located.

Q. ADMINISTRATION

1. Permit Requirements

a. No sign, portable sign, outdoor display, or billboard other than signs listed in subsection E (Signs Exempt From These Regulations) and subsection F (Signs Exempt From Permit Requirement) shall be placed, operated, maintained, erected or attached to, suspended from, or supported on a building, structure or ground until a permit in writing, authorizing the same has been issued by the office of the chief building official.

b. No sign permit shall be issued to any person, firm, business, or corporate entity doing business within the City until such person, firm, business, or corporate entity has obtained and a valid business license from the City of Knoxville.

c. Before a permit may be issued, complete plans and specifications showing the construction, methods of support and the materials used shall be submitted for approval to the Sign Inspector. In addition to any other required information, such plans and specifications shall include the following:

(1) A detailed site plan of the property drawn to scale, showing all existing and proposed freestanding signs, buildings, parking areas, and driveway entrances to the site, together with all roadways and informational signs located on the right-of-way of said roadways which are located immediately adjacent to the proposed site.

(2) The total number of square feet of existing and proposed signage on the parcel where the proposed sign is to be erected.

(3) The location of all existing ground signs located within the area of the proposed site which signs are within the minimum space requirements for distances between structures as set forth in Article 5, Section 10 of the zoning ordinance of the City of Knoxville.

(4) For off-premise signs and portable signs, the name and a notarized consent affidavit of the property owner and/or lessee of the proposed site.

d. Applications shall be processed within ten (10) working days of receipt of all required documents in the sign inspector's office.

e. The sign inspector shall keep and maintain accurate records of all sign permits issued by the City, which records may serve as the basis for a comprehensive inventory of the signs within the City.

f. As of June 1, 2001, there shall be a ban on the issuance of permits for new construction of off-premise signs, including billboards, at new locations within the City of Knoxville; provided however that lawfully existing off-premise signs, including billboards, shall be nonconforming uses, as regulated by Article 6 of this ordinance.

2. Authority for Approval and Enforcement. The office of the chief building official shall have primary responsibility for the administration and enforcement of these sign regulations, and shall issue sign applications and permits for all signs located within the City of Knoxville.

3. Penalties for Violation. Penalties for violation of these regulations shall be in accordance with Article VII, Section 8 of this ordinance.

R. VARIANCES AND APPEALS

1. Variances from the terms of these regulations may be requested in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of this ordinance.

2. Appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirements, decision or determination by an administrative official in carrying out these regulations may be requested in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of this ordinance.

DEFINITIONS

Current Definitions	Proposed Definitions
TERMS RELATED TO SIGNS	
Advertising - Any writing, printing, painting, display, emblem, drawing, sign, or other device designed, used or intended for advertising, whether placed on the ground, rocks, trees, tree-stump, or other natural structures or on a building, structure, milestone, signboard, billboard, wallboard, roofboard, frame, support, fence, or other manmade structure, and any such advertising is a structure within the meaning of the word "structure" as used in this ordinance.	Advertising - Any writing, printing, painting, display, emblem, drawing, sign, or other device designed, used or intended to announce, direct attention to, or advise, which is placed on the ground, rocks, trees, tree-stump, or other natural structures or on a building, structure, milestone, signboard, billboard, wallboard, roofboard, frame, support, fence or other manmade structure.
Advertising sign or structure - See Sign.	
Awning currently not defined	Awning - A structure, other than a canopy, made of cloth, metal or other material affixed to a building in such a manner that the structure may be raised or retracted from a from a building to a flat position against the building.
Candela means a unit which expresses the luminous intensity of a light source.	Candela - A unit which expresses the luminous intensity of a light source.
Canopy currently not defined	Canopy - A permanent structure, other than an awning, made of cloth, metal or other material attached to a building for the purpose of providing shelter to patrons or automobiles, or as a decorative feature on a building wall. A canopy is not a completely enclosed structure. The lower, steeper portion of a mansard roof shall be considered a canopy for the purposes of this section if there is no enclosed space below this portion of the mansard roof.
Dimmer means a device which changes the brightness of a display or which creates the capacity of increasing or decreasing the overall brightness/intensity of a display.	Dimmer - A device which changes the brightness of a display or which creates the capacity of increasing or decreasing the overall brightness/intensity of a display.
Erect – When used in connection with signs shall mean to build, construct, attach, hand, place, suspend, or affix and shall also include the painting of wall signs.	Erect - When used in connection with signs shall mean to build, construct, attach, hang, place, suspend, or affix and shall also include the painting of wall signs.
Footcandle means a unit of illuminance (light falling on a surface). One lumen falling on one square foot equals one footcandle.	Footcandle - A unit of illuminance (light falling on a surface). One lumen falling on one square foot equals one footcandle
Light detector, light sensor means an electronic component used to detect the amount or level of ambient light surrounding a display.	<i>Light detector, Light sensor</i> - An electronic component used to detect the amount or level of ambient light surrounding an EMC cabinet.
Master signage plan – A site plan and associated text and illustrations submitted to the Metropolitan Planning Commission for consideration for approval of a sign system for a proposed or existing development.	<i>Master sign plan</i> - A site plan and associated text and illustrations of a sign system for a proposed or existing development submitted to the Metropolitan Planning Commission for consideration for approval.
Nit means one candela per square meter.	Nit - One candela per square meter.
Sign, billboard, or other advertising device - Any structure or part thereof or device attached thereto or represented thereon, which shall display or include any letter, words, model, banner, flag, pennant, insignia or representation used as, or which is in the nature of an announcement, direction or advertisement. The word "sign" includes the word "billboard" or any other type of advertising device, but does not include the flag, pennant, or insignia of any nation, state, city or other political unit.	Sign, billboard, or other advertising device - Any structure or part thereof or device attached thereto or represented thereon, which shall display or include any letter, words, model, banner, flag, pennant, insignia or representation used as, or which is in the nature of an announcement, direction or advertisement. The word "sign" includes the word "billboard" or any other type of advertising device, but does not include the flag, pennant, or insignia of any nation, state, city or other political unit.
Sight triangle currently not defined.	Sight triangle - The area located at the intersection of two streets, whether public or private, or a street and private driveway through which an unobstructed view of approaching traffic is necessary for motorists.
Sign illumination, internal, currently not defined.	Sign illumination, internal - Lighting of a sign from internal sources, such as in light source within the framework of a sign cabinet and behind the face of the sign so that light is transmitted through the face of the sign.

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Sign illumination, external, currently not defined.	Sign illumination, external - Lighting of a sign from a light source external to the body of the sign, so that light is directed on to the face of the sign.
TYPES OF SIGNS	
Advertising sign - A sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered elsewhere than on the premises and only incidentally on the premises if at all.	Off-premise sign - A sign that directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered elsewhere than on the premises and only incidentally on the premises if at all.
Abandoned sign currently not defined.	Abandoned sign - Any sign, including its supporting structure, erected in conjunction with a particular use, for which the use has been subsequently discontinued for a period of sixty (60) days or more, or a lawfully erected temporary sign for which the time period allowed for display of the sign has expired.
Arcade and hanging signs - A covered sign which hangs from a porch roof, awning, colonnade or similar feature whose surface area is not to exceed over six square feet.	Arcade or hanging sign - A type of attached sign which hangs from a porch roof, awning, canopy, colonnade or similar feature whose surface area is not to exceed over six square feet.
Attached sign currently not defined	Attached sign - A sign that is permanently affixed to or painted on a building, canopy, or wall and having a permanent or changeable copy face.
Awning and canopy signs - A sign that is printed or sewn onto durable material and hung over doorways and storefronts that provide shelter and shade for pedestrians, which shall be limited to street level businesses.	Awning sign - A type of attached sign where graphics or symbols are painted, sewn, or otherwise adhered to the awning material as an integrated part of the awning itself. [From Cumberland Form Code]
Billboard - A type of advertising sign having more than one hundred square feet of display surface which is either erected on the ground or attached to or supported by a building or structure.	Billboard - A type of off-premise sign having more than one hundred square feet of display surface which is either erected on the ground or attached to or supported by a building or structure.
Business sign - A sign which directs attention to the business or profession conducted on the premises. A "for sale", "to let" or "information" sign shall be deemed a business sign.	On-premise sign - A sign that directs attention to a business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered on the premises on which the sign is erected. A "for sale", "to let" or "information" sign shall be deemed an on-premise sign.
Awning and canopy signs - A sign that is printed or sewn onto durable material and hung over doorways and storefronts that provide shelter and shade for pedestrians, which shall be limited to street level businesses.	Canopy sign - A type of attached sign placed on a canopy so that the display surface is parallel to the plane of the wall. [From Cumberland Form Code]
Changeable letter reader board sign- A sign on which message copy is changed manually through the utilization of attachable letters, numbers, symbols and other similar character of changeable pictorial panes	Changeable letter reader board sign - A sign on which message copy is changed manually through the utilization of attachable letters, numbers, symbols and other similar character of changeable pictorial panes.
Changeable price sign currently not defined	Changeable price sign - A sign that shows a product or service, such as fuel or hotel/motel room rates as an unchanging element of the sign and includes an EMC component to the sign wherein the price is changeable.
Column signs - A sign which is supported by and integrated with columns (or posts), appropriate in scale and material to its related building (see illustration).	Column sign - A type of detached sign which is supported by and integrated with columns or posts.
Detached sign currently not defined	Detached sign - Any sign that is not affixed or attached to a building and is securely and permanently mounted in or on the ground.
Development directory sign - A business ground or monument sign identifying a shopping center, office park, commercial subdivision, or similar mixed use or commercial development, and listing individual businesses or tenants within the unified development, including businesses not located on the lot on which the sign is located. A development directory sign is not classified as an advertising sign.	Development directory sign - A type of detached sign identifying a shopping center, office park, commercial subdivision, or similar mixed use or commercial development, and listing individual businesses or tenants within the unified development, including businesses not located on the lot on which the sign is located. A development directory sign is not classified as an off-premise sign.
Directional Sign - A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to guide vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic on a lot or parcel by using such words as "Entrance", "Exit", "Parking", "One-	Directional sign - A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to guide vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic on a lot or parcel by using such words as "Entrance", "Exit", "Parking", "One-Way", or

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Way", or similar directives, but not including any advertising message. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign.	similar directives, but not including any advertising message. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign.
Directory Sign, On-Site – A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to identify specific businesses, offices, tenants or other uses of a lot or parcel, but not including any advertising message. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign.	Directory sign, on-site - A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to identify specific businesses, offices, tenants or other uses of a lot or parcel, but not including any advertising message. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign.
Electronic message center sign- A sign which uses a bank of lights that can be individually lit to form copy such as words, letters, logos, figures, symbols, illustrations, or patterns to form a message without altering the sign face.	Electronic message center sign - A sign which uses a bank of lights that can be individually lit to form copy such as words, letters, logos, figures, symbols, illustrations, or patterns to form a message without altering the sign face.
Ground sign - A sign supported by a pole, uprights, or braces on the ground.	Ground sign - A type of detached sign supported by a pole, uprights, or braces on the ground.
Historic Sign - An existing, nonconforming, historically significant sign that contributes to the historical or cultural character of the community at large which has been removed from its original location within the City of Knoxville and is to be reused and relocated to a different location on its original site or relocated to another location within the community.	Historic sign - An existing, nonconforming, historically significant sign that contributes to the historical or cultural character of the community at large which has been removed from its original location within the City of Knoxville and is to be reused and relocated to a different location on its original site or relocated to another location within the community.
Incidental Sign - A sign, generally directional or informational, that has a purpose secondary to the use of the lot on which it is located, such as "no parking", "entrance", "loading only", "office", "gymnasium", and other similar directives. No sign with an advertising message other than a name or logo of a business, use or place shall be considered incidental.	Incidental sign - A sign, generally directional or informational, that has a purpose secondary to the use of the lot on which it is located, such as "no parking", "entrance", "loading only", "office", "gymnasium", and other similar directives. No sign with an advertising message other than a name or logo of a business, use or place shall be considered incidental.
Identification sign currently not defined	Identification sign - A sign displaying only the name, address, and/or crest, insignia, trademark, occupation, or profession of an occupant or the name of any building on the premises.
Information Sign – A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to convey information or instructions, but not including any advertising message, for the safety and convenient use of a lot or parcel. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign.	Information sign - A type of incidental sign located on a site designed to convey information or instructions, but not including any advertising message, for the safety and convenient use of a lot or parcel. A name or logo of a business, use or place may also be included on the sign
Landmark Sign - An existing, nonconforming, on-premise sign, which exhibits unique characteristics, enhances the streetscape or identity of a neighborhood and contributes to the historical or cultural character of the streetscape or the community at large.	Landmark sign - An existing, nonconforming, on-premise sign, which exhibits unique characteristics, enhances the streetscape or identity of a neighborhood and contributes to the historical or cultural character of the streetscape or the community at large.
Marquee sign - A projecting sign attached to or hung from a marquee and said marquee shall be known to mean a canopy or covered structure projecting from and supported by a building, when such canopy or covered structure extends beyond the building, building line, or property line.	Marquee sign - A type of attached sign integrated into or hung from a marquee. A marquee is a type of canopy or covered structure projecting from and supported by a building, when such canopy or covered structure extends beyond the building, building line, or property line for the purpose of providing shelter to pedestrians at an entrance to a building.
Memorial sign currently not defined	Memorial sign - A plate, plaque or engraving cut into or attached to a building surface which designates names of buildings and/or date of erection and other items such as architect, contractor, or others involved in the buildings creation.
Menu board currently not defined	Menu board - A type of attached or detached sign primarily designed for the display of menu items and prices for the purpose of placing orders for such items in conjunction with a restaurant utilizing drive-through or curbside service.
Monument sign - A sign which is supported by and integrated with a solid base, as opposed to poles, posts, or other such supports (see illustration).	Monument sign - A type of detached sign which is supported by and integrated with a solid base, as opposed to poles, posts, or other such supports.
Nameplate currently not defined.	Nameplate - A plate, plaque or engraved name, e.g. on a door, or integral to a wall of a building, bearing a name and associating the name with the building to which the nameplate is attached.

DEFINITIONS

Pole sign or banjo sign - A type of ground sign at least ten feet above the ground supported on a single post or pole, most commonly associated with gasoline service stations.	Pole sign - A type of ground sign at least ten feet above the ground supported on a single post or pole.
Portable sign - All moveable or portable advertising or business signs mounted upon trailers or other structure(s) or device(s) designed to be transported with only incidental parking and assembling for reuse.	Portable sign - All moveable or portable off-premise or on-premise signs, unless otherwise permitted by these regulations, mounted upon trailers or other structure(s) or device(s) designed to be transported with only incidental parking and assembling for reuse.
Project directional sign – A ground or monument sign used to direct traffic from a collector or arterial street (as designated in the Major Road Plan for Knoxville –Knox County, Tennessee) to businesses located on lower classification streets within the same unified development. A project directional sign is not classified as an advertising sign.	Project directional sign - A type of detached sign used to direct traffic from a collector or arterial street (as designated in the Major Road Plan for Knoxville – Knox County, Tennessee) to businesses located on the same or lower classification streets within the same unified development. A project directional sign is not classified as an off-premise sign.
Projecting sign - A sign which is attached to the face or outside wall of a building which projects out at an angle therefrom and projects more than twelve inches beyond the face of such wall.	Projecting sign - A type of attached sign that is wholly or partly dependent upon a building for support, which projects at an angle away from the building, extending more than one (1) foot. [From Cumberland Form Code]
Roof sign - A sign that is mounted on the roof of a building or which is wholly dependent upon a building roof for support.	Roof sign - A type of attached sign that is mounted on the roof of a building or which is wholly dependent upon a building roof for support.
Shingle sign - A projection of a wall sign not over six square feet in area, and projecting not more than two feet over public property.	Shingle sign - A type of projecting sign not over nine square feet in area and projecting not more than three feet over public property that hangs from a bracket or support and is located over or near a building entrance. [From Cumberland Form Code]
Sidewalk sign currently not defined	Sidewalk sign - A type of moveable detached sign not secured or attached to the ground or surface upon which it is located. [From Cumberland Form Code]
Temporary sign - Temporary signs shall include any sign, banner, pennant, valance, or advertising display constructed of wood, metal, cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard, or other light material, with or without frames, where either by reason of construction or purpose the sign is intended to be displayed for a short period of time only.	Temporary sign - Any sign, banner, pennant, valance, or advertising display constructed of wood, metal, cloth, canvas, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard, or other light material, with or without frames, where either by reason of construction or purpose the sign is intended to be displayed for a short period of time consistent with the terms of these regulations.
Umbrella sign currently not defined	Umbrella sign - A sign integrated into the body of an umbrella, either on its protective covering or support structure.
Wall or flat sign - Any sign erected parallel to the face, or on the outside wall, of any building and supported throughout its entire length by such wall where the edges of the sign do not project more than twelve inches therefrom.	Wall sign - A type of attached sign fastened to or painted on the wall of a building in such a manner that the wall becomes the supporting structure for, or forms the background surface of the sign and which does not project more than one (1) foot from the building or structure. A wall sign may not project above the wall or parapet. [From Cumberland Form Code]
Window signs - Any sign placed within a window facing the street or thoroughfare, and may be composed of applied letters, symbols, neon or similar lighting. This window sign provision shall apply to zoning districts which have design guidelines such as Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND-1) and Historic Overlay (H-1) Districts.	Window sign - A type of attached sign placed within a window facing the street or thoroughfare, including a television or monitor placed in a window for the purpose of advertising products, services or the business, and may be composed of applied letters, symbols, neon or similar lighting, but may not obscure the view of the interior of the building.

SPECIFIC ISSUE SUMMARIES

MAXIMUM DETACHED SIGN HEIGHT

Current City Standards (Example districts)

C-3 (General Commercial)

- 50 feet for ground and monument

O-1 (Office, Medical and Related Services)

- 6 feet for monument

Proposed Standards (Example districts)

C-3 (General Commercial)

- 30 feet, except for 40 feet within 500 feet of interstate interchange and 10 feet if adjacent to scenic highway

O-1 (Office, Medical and Related Services)

- 6 feet monument, except for 10 feet for monument signs if adjacent to major arterial roads

Farragut

General Commercial and Office

- 6 feet monument, except 60 feet above road height or elevation 1360, whichever is less, for signs within 500 feet of interstate interchange.

Nashville

General Commercial

- 40 feet, except 50 feet within 1,000 feet of interstate interchange

Office

- 20 feet

Memphis

General Commercial, CMU-1 inside interstate loop on arterial road

- 25 feet, except 75 feet within 1,500 feet of interstate interchange

Office

- 16 feet

Chattanooga

General Commercial and Office

- 20 feet at minimum setback of 10 feet, up to 30 feet if set back additional 10 feet

Lexington, KY

General Business

- 25 feet, except 90 feet in the Interchange Service Business Zone

Office

- 10 feet

SPECIFIC ISSUE SUMMARIES

MAXIMUM DETACHED SIGN AREA

Current City Standards (Example districts)

C-3 (General Commercial)

- 275 square feet for detached ground or monument sign

O-1 (Office, Medical and Related Services)

- 36 square feet for detached monument

Proposed Standards (Example districts)

C-3 (General Commercial)

- 195 square feet, except for 220 square feet within 500 feet of interstate interchange or 100 square feet if adjacent to scenic highway system

O-1 (Office, Medical and Related Services)

- 36 square feet for all detached signs, except 100 square feet if adjacent to major arterial roads

Farragut

General Commercial and Office

- 20 square feet at minimum setback, up to 40 square feet with more setback, except 400 square feet for signs within 500 feet of interstate interchange.

Nashville

General Commercial

- 150 square feet to 480 square feet, depending on street frontage (288 sf for 200 ft of frontage)

Office

- 32 square feet to 192 square feet, depending on street frontage (64 sf for 200 ft of frontage)

Memphis

General Commercial, CMU-1 inside interstate loop on arterial road

- 250 square feet

Office

- 35 square feet

Chattanooga

General Commercial and Office

- 175 square feet, except 300 square feet for large tracts with multiple occupants

Lexington, KY

General Business

- 40 square feet, except 356 square feet in the Interchange Service Business Zone

Office

- 40 square feet

SPECIFIC ISSUE SUMMARIES

OFFICE DISTRICT SIGNS

Current City Standards

- O-1 district allows office buildings, hospitals, medical clinics, banks, hotels, colleges, churches
- Wall signs no greater than 2 square feet in area for each tenant
- One monument sign with up to 36 square feet in area and 6 feet in height

Proposed Standards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attached signs up to 5% of the area of primary building façade • One monument sign up to 36 square feet in area and 6 feet height, except along major arterial roads a monument sign up to 10 feet in height is proposed

Farragut

- For single use building, wall signs up to 1 square foot per linear foot of frontage, maximum of 350 sf
- One monument sign with up to 36 square feet in area and 6 feet in height

Nashville

- Attached signs up to 48 square feet to 288 square feet depending on street frontage, 200 feet of frontage allows 128 square feet of total sign area.
- Detached sign area included in above, height up to 20 feet

Memphis

- Wall signs for each client up to 35 square feet per sign, except 50 square feet above 35 feet above ground
- Detached signs up to 35 square feet in area and 16 feet in height

Chattanooga

- Attached signs up to 20% of the area of the façade to which it is attached
- Detached signs up to 175 square feet in area and up to 20 feet in height or 30 feet with greater setback

Lexington, KY

- Attached signs up to 5% of the area of primary building façade
- Detached signs up to 40 square feet in area and 10 feet in height

Charlotte, NC

- Attached signs up to 10% of the area of primary building façade, maximum of 200 sf per sign
- Detached signs up to 50 square feet in area and 7 feet in height

Raleigh, NC

- Wall signs up to 2 square feet per lineal foot of building, projecting signs up to 40 square feet per tenant, awning signs up to 15 sf per awning.
- Detached sign up to 70 square feet in area and 3.5 feet in height

SPECIFIC ISSUE SUMMARIES

SIGN SETBACKS

Current City Standards

- **Exception** to 10 ft setback from street right-of-way or 15 feet from pavement allows ground and pole signs with incidental obstruction (poles) for 10 feet above ground to avoid the setback, i.e., sign cabinets can be adjacent to street right-of-way
- 5 ft setback from side and rear property lines
- Directional and informational sign setbacks may be waived by city engineer

Proposed Standards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the commercial districts, detached signs shall be set back 10 ft from ROW or 15 ft from pavement. Exception is removed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 ft setback from side and rear property lines • Directional and informational sign setbacks may be waived by city engineer

Farragut

- Ground mounted signs for free standing commercial uses must be set back 20 ft from all property lines. Interstate pole signs shall be setback 20 ft from street and 10 ft from side and rear
- The setback shall be measured from the farthest most protrusion of the sign to the nearest point of a property line.

Nashville

- For commercial districts, minimum setback adjacent to street is 10 ft for any part of the sign. Other setbacks range from 2 ft to 25 ft, depending on length of lot line.

Memphis

- No sign greater than 6 sf in a non-residential district shall be erected closer than 10 ft to any lot line.

Chattanooga

- No detached sign may be closer than 10 ft to any street or right-of-way; no detached sign with a sign area larger than 40 sf may be closer than 15 ft to any street or right-of-way; and no detached sign which is larger than 100 sf may be closer than 20 ft to any street or right-of-way.

Lexington, KY

- In the general business district, the minimum setback shall be half the required setback for a principal building, but not less than 10 ft.

Charlotte, NC

- Signs with clearance between 30 inches and 6 ft are allowed adjacent to the street right-of-way. 5 ft is required if there is no clearance.

Raleigh, NC

- Allows buildings and sign structures within 5 ft of street right-of-way.

SPECIFIC ISSUE SUMMARIES

SIGHT TRIANGLES

Current City Standards

- No provisions

Proposed Standards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All detached signs shall be located so that no part of the sign structure, including the sign cabinet or sign face, shall encroach within a sign triangle having a length of twenty-five (25) feet along the street right of way at street intersections or fifteen (15) feet along the edge of pavement at driveways.

Farragut

- No provisions within sign regulations

Nashville

- No provisions within sign regulations

Memphis

- No sign shall be located so as to obscure or interview with the view of traffic
- No detached sign shall be located within the sight triangle, which varies with situation and includes driveways with a 10 ft leg.

Chattanooga

- No provisions within sign regulations

Lexington, KY

- No sign may be located within the required sight triangle of any intersection.

Charlotte, NC

- No sign not having clear vision between 30 inches and 6 feet shall be allowed in the sight triangle

Raleigh, NC

- Signs shall not obstruct the views of motorists using any street, driveway, parking aisles or the approach to any street intersection.
- All signs must comply with the sight triangle requirements of the Raleigh Street Design Manual. Typically 25 ft leg is minimum.

SPECIFIC ISSUE SUMMARIES

WINDOW SIGNS

Current City Standards

- There is no definition of a window sign
- There are regulations related to window signs
- There is no permit required or enforcement of window signs

Proposed Standards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Window sign is defined as “a type of attached sign placed within a window facing the street or thoroughfare, including a television or monitor placed in a window for the purpose of advertising products, services or the business, and may be composed of applied letters, symbols, neon or similar lighting, but may not obscure the view of the interior of the building.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows window signs without a permit for up to 25% of the window area, up to 20 square feet • Prohibits window signs that exceed 25% of the window area or 20 square feet.

Farragut

- Window sign is not defined
- Allows temporary window signs without a permit, provided they do not exceed 25% of the window area up to 20 square feet.

Nashville

- Defined as “any sign attached to or directly applied on a window or glass door intended for viewing from the exterior.
- Allowed as temporary sign without permit for up to 25% of glass area.

Memphis

- Window signs are not defined
- Permanent window signs are limited to 25% of the window area in which they are displayed and temporary window signs are limited to 15% of the window area

Chattanooga

- Signs attached to the outside of windows are included in the total allowed sign area and required permits. Signs on the inside of windows are exempt from regulation.

Lexington, KY

- Defined as “a sign that is painted on, or applied or attached to, the interior of a window or located within 3 feet of the interior of a window, and which can be seen through the window from the exterior of the structure. Merchandise in a display is not considered a part of a sign.
- In the business zone districts, window signs do not require a permit and are limited to 25% of the total window area

Charlotte, NC

- Defined as any sign attached to or directly applied onto a window or glass door of a building intended for viewing from outside the building
- In nonresidential zones up to 50% of the total window or door area may be covered. A permit is not required.

Raleigh, NC

- Defined as an on-premise sign attached flat but parallel to the inside of a window or within 12 inches of the inside of the window. A permit is not required.
- Allows up to 30% of the total window area, but only 5% of the window area between 4 and 7 feet above the adjacent sidewalk

SPECIFIC ISSUE SUMMARIES

ABANDONED SIGNS

Current City Standards

- There is no definition of an abandoned sign
- "Abandoned business signs advertising a business no longer conducted on the premises shall be removed by the owner or lessee of the premises upon which the sign is located within **60 days** of written notification by the building official."

Proposed Standards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abandoned sign is defined: discontinued use for 60 days • Creates opportunity to clean up sign and keep it for one year • Creates process for notification by building official and additional 30 day period

Farragut

- Defined as a sign that has been discontinued for 90 days
- Abandoned signs are listed as prohibited signs, must be removed by owner

Nashville

- The zoning administrator shall notify in writing the owner or lessee of the sign that has been determined to be abandoned. The notice shall contain a removal order giving 10 days for compliance. If the sign and its appurtenances are not removed within ten days, in addition to other remedies the zoning administrator may have the sign removed at the expense of the owner.

Memphis

- Any nonconforming on-premise sign, the use or copy of which is discontinued or removed for a period of **365 days** regardless of any intent to resume or not to abandon such sign shall be deemed to be abandoned and shall not thereafter be reestablished. Abandonment or obsolescence of a nonconforming sign shall terminate immediately the right to maintain such sign.

Lexington, KY

- Defined as a sign that has been discontinued for 180 days
- Abandoned signs are listed as prohibited signs

Charlotte, NC

- If the use to which the sign refers to is visibly discontinued for more than 12 consecutive months, then the sign shall lose its non-conformity and be unlawful and shall be removed.

Raleigh, NC

- Any sign which pertains to a business, profession, commodity or service which is vacant, unoccupied or discontinued for a period of 1 year or more; any part of a sign which is unused for a period of 1 year or more; or any sign which pertains to an event or purpose which no longer applies shall be deemed abandoned. An abandoned sign is prohibited and shall be removed by the owner of the sign or the owner or tenant of the premise.