

Chapter 205, ZONING

§ 205-255. General sign and street graphics regulations.

- A. Compliance. Each sign or part of a sign erected within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Papillion must comply with the provisions of this chapter and of other relevant provisions of the City of Papillion's Municipal Code.
- B. Resolution of conflicting regulations. This chapter is not meant to repeal or interfere with enforcement of other sections of the City of Papillion's Municipal Code. In cases of conflicts between Code sections, state or federal regulations, the more restrictive regulations shall apply.
- C. Prohibited signs. The following signs are prohibited in all zoning districts:
- (1) Signs painted on or attached to rocks, trees or other natural objects.
 - (2) **Signs or sign structures which resemble or conflict with traffic control signs or devices, which mislead or confuse persons traveling on public streets or which create a traffic hazard.**
 - (3) **Signs on public property or public right-of-way, unless specifically authorized by the appropriate public agency.**
 - (4) **Signs that create a safety hazard by obstructing the clear view of pedestrians or vehicles or which obscure official signs or signals.**
 - (5) Abandoned signs. Any abandoned sign must be removed within six months of date of abandonment.
 - (6) Portable signs, including signs painted, mounted or printed on parked vehicles and trailers that are repeatedly parked in or around a specific location that causes them to have the function of a sign.
 - (7) Signs that are not clean or in substantial good repair, or are not affixed to a sound structure.
 - (8) Signs advertising activities that are illegal under federal, state or local laws and regulations.
- D. Exempt signs. The following signs are permitted in any zoning district and are exempt from other provisions of this chapter:

- (1) Bulletin boards for religious assembly or school uses, provided that they have a maximum sign area of 20 square feet and are not located in a required sign setback.
- (2) Real estate signs.
- (3) Official signs authorized by a government or governmental subdivision which give traffic, directional or warning information.
- (4) Public flags.
- (5) Seasonal decorations for display on private or public property.
- (6) On-premises construction signs.
- (7) Temporary signs for grand openings or special events, per requirements of 205-255E(1) below.
- (8) Works of graphic art painted or applied to building walls which contain no advertising or business identification messages.
- (9) Residential signs under two square feet in size.
- (10) Neighborhood or subdivision identification signs under 50 square feet.
- (11) Street numbers.
- (12) Signs which are not visible from a public right-of-way, private way or court or from a property other than that on which the sign is installed.
- (13) Directional or informative signs.

E. Temporary and civic signs.

- (1) Temporary or portable signs for grand openings, sales and special events are permitted in commercial and industrial zoning districts or for a civic use in any district, subject to the following requirements:
 - (a) Such signs are located on private property and do not cause a sight obstruction at street or driveway intersections.
 - (b) The size of such signs does not exceed the limitations set forth in Table 10-3.
 - (c) No more than two such signs are permitted at any single premises.

- (d) Temporary or portable signs may be present at any single premises for a maximum of seven consecutive days and not more than 30 days per year.
 - (e) Inflatable signs and figures are considered temporary signs.
 - (2) [Amended 5-7-1996 by Ord. No. 1215] Temporary signs for nonprofit civic campaigns or events, political campaigns or other noncommercial events are permitted in any zoning district and are exempt from other provisions of this article, subject to the following requirements:
 - (a) Such signs are installed no earlier than 45 days before the date of the event or election and removed no later than 15 days after the date of the event or election.
 - (b) The maximum size of such signs is 10 square feet when located in any residential, O Office and LC Limited Commercial Zoning District; and 100 square feet in any other zoning district.
 - (3) Signs painted on vehicles and placed in a stationary location on a repetitive basis so as to function as fixed signs are considered temporary signs and are subject to the restrictions of this section.
- F. Bufferyards. No sign other than on-premises directional signs shall be placed within any bufferyard required by Article XXXV, Landscaping and Screening Regulations, except bufferyards adjacent to intervening major streets.
- G. Vision-clearance area. No sign may project into or be placed within a vision-clearance area defined by a triangle with legs of 40 feet from the point at which the curbs or edges of two intersecting streets, private ways, or courts or an intersecting street, private way, or court and driveway, meet.**