

Sec. 90-3. Prohibited signs and devices.

Any such signs or light sources shall be removed at the discretion of the city administrator and/or his or her designee. If not removed by owners or occupants of the property within ten days of notice, the city administrator and/or his or her designee shall cause the signs to be otherwise removed, and the cost of removal shall become a lien against the property until satisfied.

All signs not expressly permitted under this chapter or exempt from regulation hereunder in accordance with the previous section are prohibited. Such signs include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Any sign that copies or imitates an official sign or purports to have official status;
- (b) Any illuminated tubing or strings of lights, including but not limited to those outlining property lines, rooflines, doors, windows, landscaping, or the edges of walls, except for perimeter down lighting, which is shielded to illuminate open sales areas but no land outside those areas, except those strings of lights exempt under section 90-5, Signs exempt from regulation;
- (c) Windblown devices in commercial areas;
- (d) Pennants;
- (e) Projecting signs;
- (f) Canopy signs;
- (g) Animated signs;
- (h) Neon and other similar type signs located in such a manner as to attract public attention from outside the building. Specifically, this refers to neon and other similar signs that:
 - 1) Contain a message clearly intended for public recognition outside the building, such as "open, " "drive-thru" and other similar messages; or
 - 2) Are legible from the public right-of-way or adjacent property; except as permitted under section 90-45, Lighting.
- (i) Portable signs;
- (j) Any sign attached to an accessory structure, except an incidental sign, if such sign is legible from the public right-of-way or from other property;

(k) Any other attention-attracting device, except for those conforming to the dimensional, design, lighting and other standards applicable to a sign in the same location;

(l) Any sign that obstructs or substantially interferes with any window, door, fire escape, stairway, ladder, or opening intended to provide light, air, ingress, or egress to any building;

(m) Any sign attached to gas pumps or gas pump islands that can be read or understood from off the property;

(n) Any temporary or permanently placed sign within any street, easement or highway right-of-way, except sign(s) placed by a public agency or as described in section 90-41, subsection (g), Garage sale signs; subsection (m), Political signs; and subsection (o), Public event signs; and subsection (x) Lost/found pet signs; and upon completion of the appropriate sign permit application form;

(o) Signs imitating standard public traffic, regulatory or emergency signs or signals;

(p) Abandoned signs or signs in a state of disrepair;

(q) Signs painted on or attached to roofs of buildings, trees, fence posts, rocks or other natural features, telephone or utility poles, any public signs or poles, which are visible from any public thoroughfare;

(r) Signs using the words "stop," "danger" or any other word, symbol or character in a manner, which may mislead, confuse or distract the driver of a motor vehicle;

(s) Off-premises signs unless allowed in section 90-41, subsection (t), Temporary off-premises signs;

(t) Flashing signs or signs having flashing parts;

(u) Moving or rotating signs or signs having moving parts.

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