

430 SIGN REGULATIONS

431 GENERAL REGULATIONS

The regulations contained herein shall apply to all signs and all zoning districts.

- a. No sign ***OR SIGN LIGHTING DEVICE*** shall be erected or maintained at any location where it might obstruct or impair traffic in any manner.
- b. No illuminated signs shall be permitted in residential districts.
- c. Movable or portable signs may be permitted if all other requirements are met.
- d. Should any sign become unsafe or in danger of falling, the owner thereof or the person maintaining same, shall upon receipt of written notice from the Zoning Inspector, proceed at once to put such sign in a safe and secure condition or remove the sign.
- e. Any illuminated sign shall employ only a source which emits a light of constant intensity; no sign shall be illuminated by or contain flashing, intermittent, rotating, or moving lights.
- f. No sign shall be placed on the roof of any building, except those whose supporting structure is screened so the sign appears to be a continuation of the face of the building.
- g. No sign shall be placed in a public right-of-way except publicly owned signs such as traffic control signs.
- h. No projecting sign shall be erected or maintained from the face of a building more than two (2) feet.
- i. Signs designed to preserve the architectural and/or aesthetic character of a structure or site ***AS DETERMINED BY THE ZONING INSPECTOR***, may be permitted upon review at the time of issuance of a permit.
- j. THE REGULATIONS OF SIGNS ALONG INTERSTATE AND PRIMARY HIGHWAYS SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENT OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, CHAPTER 5516, AND THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT THERETO.***
- k. NON-CONFORMING SIGNS AND SIGNS ADVERTISING NON-CONFORMING USES MAY REMAIN EXCEPT THAT NO NEW SIGN SHALL BE ERECTED AND NO EXISTING SIGN SHALL BE EXPANDED OR SUBSTANTIALLY RECONSTRUCTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE FOR SUCH ACTIVITY FROM THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.***
- l. ALL SIGNS REGULATED WITHIN SECTIONS 432-438 SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN GOOD REPAIR AS DETERMINED BY THE ZONING INSPECTOR.***
- m. NO SIGN SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO OBSTRUCT VISIBILITY AS DETERMINED BY THE ZONING INSPECTOR.***
- n. ALL FREESTANDING SIGNS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED IN SUCH A MANNER SO AS TO WITHSTAND A WIND PRESSURE OF UP TO 50 MILES PER HOUR.***

432 SIGNS NOT REQUIRING A PERMIT WHICH ARE PERMITTED IN ANY DISTRICT

The following signs shall be permitted in any district and shall not require a permit:

- a. Signs denoting the name and address of the occupants of the premises, professional name plates not to exceed two (2) square feet in area AND AFFIXED TO THE PRINCIPAL BUILDING.
- b. For multi-family dwelling (if permitted), one (1) sign not exceeding 12 square feet in area indicating the name and address of the building and the name of the management thereof.
- c. For required parking areas, signs identifying such areas not to exceed nine (9) square feet.
- d. Signs established by, or by order of, any governmental agency.

432-1 TEMPORARY SIGNS

- a. Public Interest Signs: signs such as a county fair or a church event, garage sales, private recreational activities, portable signs, on or off premise, sign not over thirty-two (32) square feet in area; such sign shall be erected not more than 60 days before the event in question, and shall be removed within seven (7) days after the event; also, directional signs, not more than three (3) square feet in area and located NEAR THE NEAREST INTERSECTION TO THE SALE, (REFERENCE 436-d), showing on a directional arrow. The name of the event may be permitted, provided such sign shall not be erected more than seven (7) days before the event and shall be removed within seven (7) days after the event.
- b. Political Sign: no political sign shall be posted in any place or in any manner that is destructive to public OR PRIVATE property upon posting or removal. All candidates for public office their campaign committees, or other persons responsible for the posting on public property of campaign material shall remove such material within two (2) weeks following Election Day; or will be subject to REMOVAL by the Ballville Township ZONING INSPECTOR.
- c. Construction Signs: signs announcing the erection of a building, the architect, the builders or contractors may be erected for a period of 60 days plus the construction period, not to exceed 32 square feet in area per sign and located on the construction site.
- d. Real Estate Signs: one on premise sign, not exceeding 12 square feet in area, pertaining to the sale or rent of the property on which the sign is located. (Second sign requires a permit)
- e. Refer to 439 for additional requirements for signs.