

## ARTICLE X. SIGNS

### Sec. 18-210. Title of article.

This article shall be known as the sign article of the city, and may be cited as such.

### Sec. 18-211. Appendix H, Signs, of *International Building Code*; amendments.

Provisions of this article are in addition to the provisions of Appendix H, Signs, of the *International Building Code*. The following provisions coinciding with provisions of Appendix H, Signs, of the *International Building Code* supercede, or delete, when indicated, the corresponding provisions of Appendix H, Signs, of the *International Building Code*.

All references within this article to any building, electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing, sewage disposal, elevator, energy conservation, or existing building code shall be construed to be a reference to the respective building, electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing, sewage disposal, elevator, energy conservation, or existing building code specifically adopted by reference in articles II through XIV of this chapter.

*H101.2 Signs exempt from permits* is deleted.

*H102.1 General.* Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this code, have the meaning indicated in this chapter. Refer to Chapter 2 for general definitions.

*Area of signs.* For the purpose of computing permit fees, the area of any sign shall be estimated on the basis of the largest rectangle that is required to enclose the sign. In case of an irregular sign, the area shall be the sum of the areas of the rectangles necessary to enclose the sign (computed for one side only). The area of V-type signs, multifaced signs, two-face ground signs and signs as faces for marquees shall be computed on the total face area.

*Combination sign* means any sign incorporating any combination of the features of pole, projecting and roof signs.

*Electric sign* means a sign containing electrical wiring.

*Freestanding sign* means any sign which is supported by one or more columns, uprights or braces in or upon the ground or supported directly upon the ground.

*Marquee* means a permanent roofed structure attached to and supported by the building and projecting over public property.

*Projecting sign* means a sign other than a wall sign, which projects from and is supported by a wall of a building or structure.

*Roof sign* means a sign erected upon or above a roof or parapet of a building or structure.

*Sign* means any advertisement, announcement, direction or communication produced in whole or in part by the construction, erection, affixing or placing of a structure on any land or on any other structure or produced by painting on or posting or placing any printed, lettered, pictured, figured or colored material on any building, structure or surface.

*Sign structure* means any structure which supports or is capable of supporting any sign as defined in this article. A sign structure may be a single pole and may or may not be an integral part of the building.

*Wall sign* means any sign attached to or erected against the wall of a building or structure, with the exposed face of the sign in a plane parallel to the plane of the wall.

**H103.1 Location restrictions.** Signs shall not be erected, constructed or maintained so as to obstruct any fire escape or any window or door or opening used as a means of egress or so as to prevent the free passage from one part of a roof to any other part thereof. A sign shall not be attached in any form, shape or manner to a fire escape, nor be placed in such a manner as to interfere with any opening required for ventilation. Signs shall be located not less than six feet horizontally or 12 feet vertically from overhead electrical conductors which are energized in excess of 750 volts. The term “overhead conductors,” as used in this section, means any electrical conductor, either bare or insulated, installed above the ground. No sign or sign structure shall be placed, erected or maintained on, in or above any adjoining public right-of-way, except wall signs and projecting signs, which must be at least ten feet above the adjoining public right-of-way.

**H104.1 Identification** is deleted.

**H105.2 Permits, drawings and specifications.** Where a permit is required, as provided in article I of this chapter, construction documents shall be required. These documents shall show the dimensions, material and required details of construction, including loads, stresses and anchors.

**H106.2 Electrical Service.** Signs that require electrical service shall comply with article IV of this chapter.

**H107.1.2 Electric sign faces** is deleted.

**H107.1.3 Area limitations** is deleted.

## *SECTION H109 FREESTANDING SIGNS*

**H109.1 Height restrictions.** The structural frame of freestanding signs shall not be erected of combustible materials to a height of more than 35 feet above the ground.

**H109.2 Required clearances.** is deleted.

*H110.3 Height of solid signs is deleted.*

*H2110.4 Height of open signs is deleted.*

*H110.5 Height of closed signs is deleted.*

*111.3 Extension is deleted.*

*H112.4 Height limitations is deleted.*

*H113.3 Dimensions is deleted.*

*H113.4 Height limitations is deleted.*

*SECTION H114 PORTABLE SIGNS is deleted.*

**Sec. 18-212. Existing signs.**

Signs legally erected that were existing on August 23, 2001, which do not conform to the provisions of this article shall be permitted to continue during the usable life thereof, but shall not be reinstalled unless the location and installation thereof are made to comply with this article or any other applicable ordinances or regulations.

**Sec. 18-213. Pending sign legislation.**

During the consideration of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances that has been introduced before the city council, and until such amendment is enacted (effective) or rejected according to law, the building official shall take no action on any application for a permit that would allow the erection or alteration of a sign that would be prohibited by the proposed amendment if enacted. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the building official shall not delay the issuance of any permit for a period longer than six months from the date of permit application because of this section.

**Secs. 18-214--18-228. Reserved.**