

BRIDGEWATER SIGN ORDINANCE
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1. Purpose

1.1 To promote the safety, comfort, and well being of the users of streets, roads, and highways in the Town of Bridgewater;

1.2 To reduce distractions and obstructions from signs which would adversely affect traffic safety, and to alleviate hazards caused by signs projecting over or encroaching upon public ways;

1.3 To discourage excessive visual competition in signage and ensure that signs aid orientation and adequately identify uses and activities to the public; and

1.4 To preserve and enhance town character by requiring new and replacement signage which is:

creative and distinctive;

compatible with the surroundings;

appropriate to the type of activity to which it pertains;

expressive of the identity of the individual proprietors or of the community as a whole;

appropriately sized in its context, so as to be easily readable.

2. Definitions

Sign: Any display of lettering, logos, colors, lights, or illuminated neon tubes visible to the public from outside of a building or from a traveled way, which either conveys a message to the public, or intends to advertise, direct, invite, announce, or draw attention to, directly, a use conducted, goods, products, services or facilities available, either on the lot or on any other premises, excluding window displays and merchandise.

Facade: The exterior surface of a building.

Flashing Sign: A sign whose illumination is not kept constant in intensity at all times when in use, and which exhibits changes in light, color, direction, or animation. Illuminated signs which indicate the date, time, and temperature will not be considered flashing signs.

Free Standing Sign: A self supporting sign not attached to any building, wall, or fence but in a fixed location. This does not include portable or trailer type signs.

Illuminated Sign: Any sign lit by electrical bulbs, fluorescent lights, or neon tubes. Neon tubes used as abstract, graphic, decorative, or architectural elements shall be considered to constitute an illuminated sign.

Landmark Sign: An older sign of artistic or historic merit, uniqueness, or extraordinary significance to the town as identified by the Board of Selectmen.

Lintel: The horizontal support member across the head of a door or window.

Movable Sign: Any sign capable of being readily moved or relocated, including portable signs mounted on a chassis and wheels, or supported by legs.

Off Premises Signs: Any sign which is not on the premises of the business, including a billboard.

On Premises Signs: Any sign that advertises, calls attention to or identifies the occupant of the premises on which the sign is maintained, or the business transacted thereon, or advertises the property itself or any part thereof as for sale or for rent.

Projecting Sign: A sign which is located above, or projects above, the lowest point of the eaves or the top of the parapet wall of any building or which is painted on or fastened to a roof.

Special Permitted Uses: A sign which falls under Section 6.3.

Temporary Sign: A sign intended to be used for a period of no more than thirty (30) days.

Wall Sign: Any sign which is painted on, incorporated into, or affixed parallel to the wall of a building, and which extends not more than six (6) inches from the surface of that building.

3. General

3.1 Permitted Signs

Only signs which refer to a permitted use or an approved conditional use as set forth in the Zoning Regulations are permitted, provided such signs conform to the provisions of this Section.

3.2 Prohibited Signs

(a) Billboards, streamers, pennants, ribbons, spinners or other similar devices shall not be constructed, posted or erected in any zone. Exceptions include flags and buntings exhibited to commemorate national patriotic holidays and temporary banners announcing charitable or civic events.

(b) Internally illuminated signs, flashing signs, roof signs, signs containing moving parts, and signs containing reflective elements which sparkle or twinkle in the sunlight are not permitted.

(c) Any sign advertising or identifying a business or organization which is either defunct or no longer located on the premises is not permitted.

(d) No sign in a residential zone shall be larger than four (4) sq ft. unless listed under Section 6.3. No sign in a commercial or industrial zone shall be larger than thirty-two (32) sq.ft.

(e) No sign, except for a traffic, regulatory, or informational sign, shall use the words "stop," "caution," or "danger," or shall resemble "stop," or "yield" signs in shape and color.

(f) All On Premises Signs identifying a contractor, architect, landscape architect and/or engineer's name, address, and other pertinent information are not permitted.

(g) All Off Premises Signs advertising property being sold, rented or leased are not permitted. Open house commercial directional signs are prohibited.

(h) Marquee, moveable, painted wall, and awning signs are not permitted.

(i) Any sign not specified as permitted is not permitted.

3.3 Illuminated Standards

(a) No person may erect a sign which flashes, rotates, or has motorized moving parts.

(b) No person may erect a sign with exposed electrical wires.

(c) Strings of bulbs are not permitted, except as part of a holiday celebration.

(d) No sign shall be illuminated between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless the premises on which it is located is open for business.

(e) No person may erect a sign that constitutes a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic because of intensity or direction of illumination.

(f) No internally illuminated sign is permitted.

3.4 Placement Standards

- (a) No person may erect a sign which is affixed to a fence, utility pole or structure, or tree, shrub, rock, or other natural object.
- (b) Signs shall not be mounted on roofs or extend above the roof line.
- (c) No sign, together with any supporting framework, shall extend to a height above the maximum building height in a district.
- (d) Signs shall not cover architectural details such as, but not limited to, arches, sills, moldings, cornices, and transom windows.
- (e) No sign shall be located within or shall hang over the right-of-way of any street, sidewalk, driveway, walkway or accessway.
- (f) No sign shall be located so close to a streetline as to obstruct lines of sight. The required lines of sight are:
 - Local and residential streets and unclassified streets - 150 feet.
 - Town collector street - 200 feet.
 - Town and State arterial streets - 250 feet.

No sign shall interfere in any way with vehicular or pedestrian traffic, traffic signs or visibility of motorists by virtue of the location, color or size of such signs.

3.5 Safety Standards

No person may erect a sign which:

- (a) is structurally unsafe;
- (b) constitutes a hazard to public safety and health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation or abandonment;
- (c) obstructs free entrance or exit from a required door, window or fire escape;
- (d) obstructs light or air or interferes with the proper functioning of the building;
- or
- (e) is capable of causing electrical shock.

3.6 Exceptions

For the purpose of this section the term "sign" shall not include:

- (a) signs erected, posted and maintained for public safety and welfare or pursuant to any governmental function, law, bylaw, or other regulation;

(b) a bulletin board or similar sign not exceeding sixteen (16) sq.ft. in display area, in connection with any church, museum, library, school, or similar public or semi-public structure, provided that the top of such sign shall not be more than eight (8) feet above ground level, and provided that it does not possess any of the characteristics listed in Section 3.2 above;

(c) directional signs solely indicating ingress and egress placed at driveway locations, containing no advertising material, and where display area does not exceed three (3) sq.ft. or extend higher than four (4) feet above ground level. Such sign will conform in all respects with the requirement of this code; and

(d) Signs relating to trespassing and hunting, not exceeding one (1) sq.ft. in area.

3.7 Non-Conforming Signs

3.7.1 Continuance: A non-conforming sign lawfully existing at the time of adoption or subsequent amendment of this ordinance may continue, although such sign does not conform to provisions of this ordinance.

3.7.2 Maintenance: Any lawfully existing sign cannot be enlarged, except to conform to the requirements of this ordinance.

3.7.3 Replacement: Any sign replacing a non-conforming sign shall conform with the provisions of this Section, and the non-conforming sign shall no longer be displayed.

4. Administration

4.1 Permits

4.1.1 No sign shall be erected, displayed, altered, or enlarged until an application has been filed, and until a permit for such action has been issued. Applications shall be on forms prescribed by the Sign Officer. At a minimum, all applications shall include a scale drawing specifying dimensions, materials, letter sizes, colors, support systems, and location on land or buildings, with all relevant measurements.

4.1.2 Permits shall be issued only if the Sign Officer determines the sign complies or will comply with all applicable provisions of this ordinance. Such application may be filed by the owner and the land or building, or any person who has authority to erect a sign on the premises.

4.1.3 The Sign Officer shall act within 30 days of the receipt of such applications together with the required fee. The Sign Official's action or failure to act may be appealed to the Board of Selectmen.

4.2 Fees

The actual contract cost evaluated by the current Town of Bridgewater Building Valuation Schedule will determine the fee. This fee schedule may be amended from time to time by Town Meeting.

4.3 Enforcement

The Sign Officer shall be designated by the Board of Selectmen, and is hereby authorized to enforce this ordinance. The Sign Officer is authorized to order the repair or removal of any sign and its supporting structure which is judged dangerous, or in disrepair, or which is erected or maintained contrary to this bylaw.

4.4 Removal of Signs

Any sign which has been ordered removed by the Sign Officer, or is abandoned or discontinued, shall be removed by the person, firm, or corporation responsible for the sign within seven days of written notice to remove.

All movable signs are in violation of this Ordinance and will be removed immediately and discarded.

4.5 Penalties

Violations of any provisions of this bylaw or any lawful order of the Sign Officer shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00 per offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

4.6 Measurement of Sign Area

- (a) Sign measurement shall be based upon the entire area of the sign, with a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the actual sign surface.
- (b) For a sign painted on or applied to a building, the area shall be considered to include all lettering, wording and accompanying designs or symbols, together with any background of a different color than the natural color, or finish material of the building.
- (c) For a sign consisting of individual letters or symbols attached to or painted on a surface, building wall, or window, the area shall be considered to be that of the smallest rectangle or other shape which encompasses all of the letters and symbols.

(d) The area of supporting framework (for example brackets, posts, etc.) shall not be included in determining the area if such framework is incidental to the display.

(e) When a sign has two (2) faces, the area of all faces shall be included in determining the area, except where two faces are placed back to back and are at no point more than two (2) feet from each other. In this case, the sign area shall be taken as the area of either face, and if the faces are unequal, the larger shall determine the area.

4.7 Measurement of Height

The height of any sign shall be measured from the existing ground level up to the highest point of the sign.

5. General Standards for Specific Types of Signs

5.1 Address

One sign displaying the street number or name of the occupant of the premises, or both.

(a) Such a sign may include identification of an on-premises approved home business or a second sign may be used to identify the home business.

(b) Such signs may be attached to the building or may be on a post not more than eight (8) feet high, and setback at least three (3) feet from the public right-of-way. Any such sign cannot extend over any part of the public right-of-way.

(c) Such signs may not exceed two (2) sq.ft. in area.

(d) Signs displaying street number or name are not subject to the permitting process. Identification of the home business is subject to the permitting process.

5.2 Free-Standing

A self-supporting sign not attached to any building, wall, or fence but in a fixed location. This does not include portable or trailer type signs. Dimensional standards for free-standing signs in different zones are specified in Table 5.5.1, which relates requirements to the character of each area and the speed at which traffic usually travels within those zones.

Table 5.5.1	Commercial	Town Green	Residential	Special Permitted
	Industrial			Uses in Residential
Typical Speed Limit (mph)	45-50	25-35	25-30	25-30
Free-Standing Pole Sign				
Height (max. ft.)	16	10	8	10
Area (max sq.ft.)	16	10	4	10
Ground Clearance(min. ft)	8	7	4	4
Other Free-Standing Signs				
Height (max. ft.)	4	4	4	4
Area (max sq.ft.)	32	16	4	16
Ground Clearance(min. ft)	0	0	0	0

(a) Free-standing signs may have no more than two (2) sides.

(b) In Commercial and Industrial Zones only, a lot with frontage on two roads with a minimum of 200 ft. of road frontage on each road may have two (2) free-standing signs, not less than on hundred seventy-five (175) feet apart.

(c) In Commercial and Industrial Zones a lot must have a minimum of one hundred (100) feet of road frontage to erect one free-standing sign; maximum permitted is one unless there is frontage on two roads. (see Sec. 5.2 (b)).

(d) In Commercial and Industrial Zones the free-standing sign (and/or a directory sign) shall be limited to identifying the name and address of the business or businesses occupying the lot. Each business listed on a directory sign shall be limited to a single line of lettering which shall exceed four (4) inches in height and forty-eight (48) inches in width.

(e) In Commercial, Industrial and Town Green Zones, no sign shall be within twenty (20) feet of the boundary of a residential district.

5.3 For Sale/Rent/Lease

An on-premises sign advertising the property being sold, rented, or leased.

(a) Such signs shall not exceed four (4) sq.ft.

- (b) Such signs shall advertise only the property on which the sign is located.
- (c) A maximum of one sign may be maintained on any property being sold, rented, or leased and it shall be removed by the owner or agent within seven (7) days of sale, rent, or lease.
- (d) Such signs shall advertise only on the property which is being sold/rented/leased.
- (e) For Sale/Rent/Lease signs are not subject to the permitting process.
- (f) A sign not over sixteen (16) sq.ft. in area advertising the sale or lease of lots and/or buildings within an approved subdivision is permitted for a period of not more than one year. The Sign Officer may extend the period of time for not more than one additional year. These signs are subject to the permitting process.

5.4 Off Premise

Directional signs for special functions such as parades shall be permitted as long as no advertising is displayed. Such signs are not subject to the permitting process but must be removed immediately after the event.

5.4.1 Tag sale signs are allowed by permit only. Only three (3) official tag sale signs furnished by the Sign Officer may be posted. No signs may be posted on trees, utility poles or traffic islands. Signs which interfere with traffic sightlines will be removed.

5.4.2 Signs for fund-raisers held by Town organizations are allowed by permit only but are not subject to permit fees. These signs may be displayed no more than seven (7) days prior to the event and must be removed immediately following the event. A sign for such an event may be displayed on the property of that organization and one (1) other location that is approved by the Sign Officer or the First Selectman.

5.5 Political Signs

A sign designed to influence the action of voters for the passage or defeat of a measure, or the election of a candidate to a public office at a national, state or other local election.

- (a) Such signs are permitted if they are stationary, unlighted, and temporary.
- (b) Such signs shall be displayed ~~no more than fifteen (15) days prior to a voting day,~~ and shall be removed within seven (7) days after a voting day. *
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- (c) Such signs may not exceed four (4) sq. ft. in area.
- (d) A maximum of two (2) signs per lot are allowed.

- (e) Such signs are not subject to the permitting process.

5.6 Public Service Signs

A sign located for the purpose of providing directions towards or indication of use not readily visible from the street.

- (a) Such signs necessary for public safety and convenience shall not exceed two (2) sq.ft. in area.
- (b) Such signs shall bear no advertising.
- (c) Such signs are not included in computing total sign area allowed.
- (d) Such signs are not subject to the permitting process.

5.7 Illuminated Signs

- (a) Signs shall be illuminated only with steady, stationary, shielded light sources directed solely onto the sign without causing glare.
- (b) Gas filled light tubes shall be allowed for indirect illumination when placed in such a manner that the tubes are not exposed to view from any point along the public roadway or sidewalk.
- (c) Signs shall not be illuminated directly or indirectly between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless the premises are open during such hours.
- (d) Illuminated signs shall not be permitted to shine onto residential properties and traveled ways.

5.8 Wall Signs

A sign which is attached parallel to the exterior surface of a building or structure.

- (a) Such a sign shall not project more than twelve (12) inches from the building surface.
- (b) Such a sign shall not obscure architectural features of the building, not limited to features such as arches, sills, moldings, cornices, and transoms.
- (c) Such sign shall not extend above the lowest point of the roof, nor beyond the ends of the wall to which it is attached.

(d) Such signs shall have an aggregate area not exceeding 1.5 sq.ft. for each lineal foot of building face parallel to a street lot line, or ten percent (10%) of the wall area to which it is attached, whichever is less. Where a lot fronts on more than one street, the aggregate sign area facing each street frontage shall be calculated separately.

(e) Where two (2) or more wall signs are affixed to one wall, the gross display area shall be the sum total area of all signs.

(f) Wall signs shall not extend higher than the eave line of the principle building.

(g) No part of a wall sign, including the display surface, shall extend more than six (6) inches from the building surface.

(h) The size of signs attached to buildings may increase in area (over allowable size) by twenty-five percent (25%) for every one hundred (100) feet of building setback. This shall apply to buildings setback more than one hundred (100) feet from the road right-of-way, and the increase may be pro-rated according to the actual setback distance.

5.9 Individual Letters or Symbols

These may be attached to a building surface, wall or signboard.

(a) Letters or symbols shall not project more than six (6) inches from the building surface.

(b) Such letters or symbols shall not obscure the architectural features of the building to which they are attached.

(c) Such letters or symbols shall not extend above the lowest part of the roof, nor beyond the ends of the wall to which they are attached.

(d) Letters or symbols shall have an aggregate area not exceeding 1.5 sq.ft. for each foot of building face parallel to a street lot line, or ten percent (10%) of the wall area to which they are affixed, whichever is less. When a lot fronts on more than one street, the aggregate sign area facing each street frontage shall be calculated separately.

5.10 Multiple Signs

A group of signs clustered together in a single structure or compositional unit. Multiple signs are used to advertise several occupants of the same building or building complex.

(a) The display board shall be of an integrated and uniform design.

(b) The maximum sign area permitted is sixteen (16) sq.ft. for the sign bearing the name of the building or an office park, and two (2) sq.ft. for the name of each business or office located there.

5.11 Projecting Signs

A wall mounted sign perpendicular to the building surface.

(a) If flat, each face shall not exceed ten (10) sq.ft.

(b) The total area of a three dimensional sign shall be determined by enclosing the largest cross section of the sign in an easily recognizable shape and computing its area which shall not exceed nine (9) sq.ft.

(c) Such sign shall be hung at right angles to the building and shall not project closer than two (2) feet to the curb line.

(d) The supporting framework shall be in proportion to the size of such sign.

(e) The top of the sign may be suspended in line with one of the following, whichever is the most successful application of scale, linear continuity and visibility as determined by the Sign Officer:

1. suspended between the bottom sills of the second story windows and the top of the doors and windows of the ground floor; or
2. the lowest point of the roof of a one story building.

(f) Projecting signs shall have a minimum clearance of eight (8) feet above grade when located adjacent to or projecting over a pedestrian way. If projecting over an alley or driveway, the clearance must be at least thirteen (13) feet.

5.12 Window Signs

Any sign which is painted or mounted onto a window pane, or which is hung directly inside the window with the purpose or effect of identifying any premises from the street. Such signs shall not be larger than one and one half (1 1/2) sq.ft. in area and only two per business are permitted.

Signs temporarily attached to, or temporarily painted on a window and/or door announcing sales or special features are permitted, provided that they do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area of said window and/or door, and provided that the temporary signs are removed within seven (7) days after the publicized event.

Permanent signs hung inside the windows shall be made of clear materials such as plexi-glass with lettering painted on them.

5.13 Landmark Signs

An older sign of artistic or historic merit, uniqueness or extraordinary significance to the town. The character of such signs warrant their preservation in original condition, or their restoration.

6. Zones and Special Regulations

6.1 Types of Zones

- (a) Town Green
- (b) Residential
- (c) Commercial
- (d) Industrial

6.2 Zone Requirements

6.2.1 Town Green

Within this zone the intent of the sign ordinance is to ensure visual compatibility with the scale and character of the surrounding architecture.

Commercial Use in the Town Green Zone

Unless otherwise changed by zoning, this section entitled Commercial Use in Town Green Zone applies only to the Village Store, Bank and Post Office complex.

- (a) Number: There shall be no more than three (3) types of signs employed per building, regardless of the number of occupancies. (e.g. free standing, etc.)
- (b) Materials: All signs shall be made of wood or metal. If plywood is to be used, it must have exceptionally smooth and weather resistant surfaces. Signs should be in keeping with the architectural design of the buildings.
- (c) Location:
 - * Signs should be concentrated near the pedestrian level.
 - * The upper facades of buildings should not be cluttered with signs.
 - * Signs shall not obscure important architectural details or features such as windows, transom panels, sills, moldings and cornices.

- * Wall signs identifying commercial establishments shall generally be placed within an information band immediately above the storefront. The information band should be confined to the vertical distance separating windows on the ground and second floors, or should be no more than two (2) feet in height, which ever is lesser.
- * Signs on adjacent storefronts within the same building shall be coordinated in height and proportion, and should be encouraged to use the same signing format.
- * Signs shall be located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from the edge of the road with the exception of the address signs, free standing signs for the purpose of home occupation, for sale/rent/lease signs, political signs, off premises signs, public service signs. These signs shall be at a minimum three (3) feet from the edge of the road. Signs described in Section 3.6 shall be at a minimum of ten (10) feet from the edge of the road.

(d) Colors should be chosen to compliment the facade of the building and should contain no more than three (3) colors. Dark backgrounds with light colored lettering shall generally be required, as this is traditional. "Day-glow" and fluorescent colors are prohibited.

(e) Size: The size of the signs should be restricted to ensure that signs do not overpower the facades to which they are affixed. Not more than one and one half (1 1/2) sq. ft. or ten percent (10%), whichever is less of total signage area will be permitted per linear foot of storefront.

(f) Permitted Types of Signs:

- Address
- Free Standing
- For Sale/Rent/Lease
- Political
- Public Service
- Wall Signs
- Individual Letter or Symbols
- Projecting Signs
- Window Signs

Residential Use in the Town Green Zone

Any residential use in the Town Green Zone will comply with Section 6.2.2 which sets the standards for signs in Residential Zones.

6.2.2 Residential

Within this zone the most important goal is to maintain the residential character and scenic open space.

(a) Number: Each home may display not more than two (2) permanent signs, one an address sign and one if a home office has been approved by the zoning commission. Each home or estate may display only one free standing sign.

(b) Material: Signs in this zone shall be of wood and metal.

(c) Location: Signs should be placed in clear view of traffic to minimize their required size but shall be no closer than three (3) feet from the edge of the road.

(d) Colors: The number of colors used in a sign should be limited to three (3) unless used in an illustration.

(e) Size: Signs in this district shall not be greater than four (4) sq.ft. with the exception of a sign identifying a subdivision, a preserve, an agricultural activity or a temporary for sale/rent/lease signs for an approved subdivision. Such signs shall have a maximum area of sixteen (16) sq.ft. and shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height. Address signs and home occupation signs shall not exceed two (2) sq.ft.

(f) Permitted Signs:

Address

Free Standing

For Sale/Rent/Lease

Off Premises

Wall

Individual Letters or Symbols

Landmark

6.2.3 Commercial

The goal in this district is to provide legible signage for auto oriented commercial facilities, while moderating visual competition.

(a) Number: There shall be no more than three (3) types of signs (which require permits) employed per building (e.g. free standing, wall, window). There shall be no more than three (3) separate signs on a structure unless the structure is designed for and has more than three (3) occupancies, in which case there can be one sign per occupancy plus two (2) additional signs.

(b) Material: The use of wood and metal signs is strongly recommended.

(c) Location: Signs should be located where they can be most easily read, thus reducing the size needed for legibility.

(d) Colors: The number of colors should be limited to three (3). Since these signs must be legible from a distance, the degree of contrast between the background and the letter color is important. Dark backgrounds with light colored lettering is strongly encouraged. "Day-glow" and fluorescent colors are prohibited.

(e) Size: Due to the traffic speed, and the large setbacks common in this type of zone, slightly larger signs than in the Town Green Zone are permissible. See dimensional standards for individual signs in Section 5.

(f) Permitted Types of Signs:

- Address
- Free Standing
- For Sale/Rent/Lease
- Off Premises
- Illuminated
- Wall
- Individual Letters or Symbols
- Multiple
- Projecting
- Window
- Landmark

6.2.4 Industrial

The same standards apply to Industrial as to Commercial. See Section 6.2.3.

6.3 Special Permitted Uses

If in the discretion of the Board of Selectmen additional signage for a particular special use is deemed appropriate, then it shall be permitted.

6.3.1 Fair Signs

All signs pertaining to the Bridgewater Fair are permitted for the days of the Fair. All signs shall be taken down within a maximum of seven (7) days following the Fair. Free standing signs advertising the Fair are permitted for up to thirty (30) days before the Fair and must be taken down within seven (7) days following the Fair. Additional new free standing signs shall be required to conform to Section 5.2.

6.3.2 Subdivision Signs

One (1) permanent free standing sign identifying an approved subdivision on property belonging to the subdivision will be permitted as long as it complies with Section 5.2 and is at a minimum of ten (10) feet from the edge of the road.

6.3.3 Agricultural Signs

One (1) permanent free standing sign identifying the name and address of a farm or related agricultural activity will be permitted as long as it complies with Section 5.2 and is at a minimum of ten (10) feet from the edge of the road.

6.3.4 Land Trust/ Preservations

A non-profit preservation for public use may erect one (1) permanent free standing sign to identify the name of the preserve and any rules and regulations for use as long as it complies with Section 5.2 and is at a minimum of ten (10) feet from the edge of the road.

7 Maintenance

A sign shall be maintained in a secure and safe condition. If the Sign Officer is of the opinion that a sign is not secure, safe, or in a good state of repair, written notice of this fact shall be given to the person responsible for the maintenance of the sign. If the defect of the sign is not corrected within the time permitted by the Sign Officer, the Sign Officer may revoke the sign permit and take possession of the permit until the owner pays the cost of removal, thus placing the sign owner in violation of the sign ordinance and liable for a fine as specified in Section 4.5.

CHANGES TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE

5.5 Political Signs

A sign designed to influence the action of voters for the passage or defeat of a measure, or the election of a candidate to a public office at a national, state, or other local election.

- (a) Such signs are permitted if they are stationary, unlighted, and temporary.
- (b) Such signs shall be removed within seven (7) days after a voting day.
- (c) Such signs may not exceed for (4) sq. ft. in area.
- (d) A maximum of two (2) signs per lot are allowed.
- (e) Such signs are not subject to the permitting process.

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1900-1901
The first year of the new century
was a year of great change and progress
in many ways.

It was a year when the world was beginning to
wake up to the possibilities of the future.

And it was a year when the people of the world
were beginning to realize that they were no longer
helpless victims of fate.

They were beginning to see that they could
shape their own destinies.

And they were beginning to see that they could
make a better world for themselves and for their
children.

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