

4. Billboards shall be erected or placed in conformity with the side, front, and rear yard requirements of the district in which located. However, no billboard shall be erected or placed closer than within one hundred (100) feet of any Residential District.
5. On the premises outdoor advertising signs, including flashing or intermittent illumination, shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet from the public right-of-way.
6. Signs erected and overhanging any sidewalk must be placed at least nine (9) feet above the sidewalk and may extend over the sidewalk a distance equal to two-thirds (2/3) the width of the sidewalk, but in no case exceeding ten (10) feet.
7. Professional signs and signs for home occupations shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area in the Residential Districts.
8. Temporary Signs and Posters Are Subject to the Following Regulations:
  - a. Each sign shall not exceed five (5) square feet in area, excluding banners.
  - b. The signs shall not be located closer together than five hundred (500) feet.
  - c. Such signs shall not be nailed to trees, fence posts or public utility poles and shall not be located in the public right-of-way, excluding banners.
9. In Any District, the Following Signs Shall Be Permitted:
  - a. For parking areas, entrance and exit signs not exceeding four (4) square feet in area and not more than one (1) sign not more than sixteen (16) square feet in area identifying or designating the conditions of the use of such parking area.
  - b. Nonilluminated "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs not exceeding four (4) square feet in area.
  - c. One (1) sign not more than sixteen (16) square feet in area giving the names of the contractors, engineers, or architects, during construction of a building.
  - d. Signs established by, or by order of, any governmental agency.
  - e. For special events of public interest, one (1) sign not over thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
  - f. Flags or emblems of political, civic, philanthropic, educational or religious organizations.

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**54-21-103. Restrictions on outdoor advertising on interstate and primary highways.**

No outdoor advertising shall be erected or maintained within six hundred sixty feet (660') of the nearest edge of the right-of-way and visible from the main traveled way of the interstate or primary highway systems in this state except the following:

(1) Directional or other official signs and notices including, but not limited to, signs and notices pertaining to natural wonders, scenic and historical attractions that are authorized or required by law;

(2) Signs, displays and devices advertising the sale or lease of property on which they are located;

(3) Signs, displays and devices advertising activities conducted on the property on which they are located;

(4) Signs, displays and devices located in areas that are zoned industrial or commercial under authority of law and whose size, lighting and spacing are consistent with customary use as determined by agreement between the state and the secretary of transportation of the United States; and

(5) Signs, displays and devices located in unzoned commercial or industrial areas as may be determined by agreement between the state and the secretary of transportation of the United States and subject to regulations promulgated by the commissioner.

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