

15-10-05 General Guidelines for Signs in Sandy

15-10-06 Signs Allowed Without a Permit

The following sign types are allowed without a permit in Sandy City. The applicable standards for the use of such signs are as follows.

- A. **Building Identification.** Numbers which are used to denote the address of a building shall not be counted against the allowable square footage for the same building, but must comply with the standards for building identification as found in the Sandy City Property Addressing section of this code.
- B. **Changing Copy.** The changing of copy on a marquee, reader board, electronic message center, or other replaceable copy area when such is part of a permitted sign. Sign face changes are not included in this category and as such require a permit except for those individual tenant faces within a multi-tenant or shared monument or freestanding sign.
- C. **Community Signs.** Community signs require review by the Community Development Department and/or other pertinent City department, for compliance with the following criteria:
4. Must be made of durable, weather resistant, material;
 5. Must use logos or symbols instead of copy where possible, where copy would cause a distraction to vehicular traffic;
 6. May be located at various gateway areas to the City, along major streets and important intersections adjacent to nonresidential properties;
 7. May not be attached to another temporary sign, permanent traffic or business sign;
 8. When attached to light or utility poles such signs shall be uniform in size and shall be no larger than 4 feet wide and 10 feet tall. Signs attached to a building may be larger but must be appropriate in scale and location as approved by the Community Development Director (See Figure 12).
 9. Such signs for any single purpose or event may not be displayed for more than 30 days. However, the Community Development Director may approve community purpose signs for long-term purposes subject to review on a 90-day basis.
- D. **Gas Island Advertisements.** A single 8.5" x 11" sign may be located at each gas island and must be located directly on top of a gas dispenser. Lettering shall be no larger than 2" tall.
- E. **Flags, Official.** Except during celebration of officially recognized holidays, only one of each of the categories of Official Flags may be displayed on a lot unless approved by the Planning Commission as part of a designated out-door display area for the primary business of such location. Official flags shall be flown in accordance with the protocol established by the Congress of the United States and the State of Utah (76-9-601), as applicable. Flag poles shall be of permanent construction and not exceed 60 feet in height or the maximum height of the zoning district, whichever is less. Any flag not meeting any one or more of these conditions will be considered a temporary sign and will be subject to regulation as such.
- F. **Holiday Decorations.** Noncommercial signs of a primarily decorative nature, clearly incidental, customary and commonly associated with any national, local, or religious holiday. Such signs may be of any type, number, area, and shall be contained entirely within the boundaries of the lot or premise on which they are erected and should be placed so as to avoid confusion with authorized traffic lights and signals and shall conform to traffic safety standards. They shall be removed within 20 days after the respective holiday is over.



Figure 12

- G. Home Occupations. A legally licensed business in a residence may have a single, one square foot in area, non-illuminated, flat wall signs mounted to the residence.
- H. Institutional Uses. Churches, public schools, public utility companies, libraries, governmental buildings, parks, public golf courses, etc., are allowed a single monument sign of 32 square feet per street frontage. Wall signs shall be regulated as set forth in this chapter.
- I. Memorial Signs. Memorial signs or tablets with the names of buildings and date of erection cut into any masonry surface or inlaid so as to be part of the building.
- J. Neighborhood Identification Signs. In any zone district, a sign, masonry wall, landscaping and other similar materials or features may be combined to form a display for neighborhood identification provided that the legend of such signs or display shall consist of only the neighborhood name and/or address.
- K. No Trespassing or No Dumping Signs. One sign, not exceeding 16 square feet, or four signs not exceeding 4 square feet each, may be installed to prevent trespassing or unauthorized dumping on property. The Director may allow more signs if appropriate to prevent violation.
- L. Notice Bulletin Boards. Notice bulletin boards for medical, public, charitable or religious institutions, may not exceed 32 square feet in area. Such signs must be oriented solely to the interior of the property and not used to direct exterior vehicular attention to the institution or its services.
- M. Plaques. Plaques, name plates, and commemorative plaques of recognized historical agencies not exceeding 2 square feet, which are fastened directly to a building.
- N. Political or Campaign Signs. Signs on behalf of candidates for public office or measures on election ballots are allowed as follows:
1. Signs for all candidates or other referenda, regardless of participation in a primary election, may not be erected earlier than 30 days prior to a primary election and all signs shall be removed by the Monday following the primary election. For the general election, said signs for all candidates or other referenda, regardless of participation in a primary election, may not be erected earlier than 45 days prior to the general election and all signs shall be removed by the Monday following the general election. Signs relating to elections on special issues may be installed and must be removed on the same basis.
 2. Any one sign shall not exceed 64 square feet in aggregate area and, if freestanding, shall not exceed 8 feet in height. Such signs shall not be erected in a manner as to constitute a roof sign. Signs may not be placed on public property, in a public right-of-way or in any place which would impede traffic visibility or safety except as stated in paragraph 4 of this section. Signs on roadways without curb and gutter may not be placed closer than 10 feet to the edge of the paved surface.
 3. Campaign signs may not be placed closer than 150 feet to a building where any official voting station is located.
 4. Campaign signs may be placed within front facing residential parkstrip areas during the specified time period as described above. The maximum sign size is 6 square feet, and maximum height is 3 feet. Signs may not be placed in any location that creates a vehicular or pedestrian traffic visibility hazard. Such signs shall not be placed within parkstrip areas adjacent to back-facing or side-facing lots. Campaign signs may be placed in the parkstrip only with the approval of the person responsible for maintaining the landscaping of that parkstrip.
- O. Public Necessity Signs. Signs installed by a unit of the government for control of traffic and other regulatory purposes, including street signs, danger and warning signs, railroad crossing signs, hospital signs, wayfinding signs, directional or warning signs for public service companies, utilities or institutions, or signs erected by or on the order of a public officer in the performance of his public duty.

P. Real Estate Signs. See Section 15-10-08C

Q. Symbols or Insignia. Religious symbols, identification emblems of religious orders, or historical agencies, provided that such signs conform to the standards for wall signs contained herein.

R. Window Signs. In order to maintain natural surveillance into and out of businesses, window signs which are painted on or temporarily affixed to the window surface shall not be so affixed as to block clear view of exits or entrances or to create a safety hazard. The following shall apply:

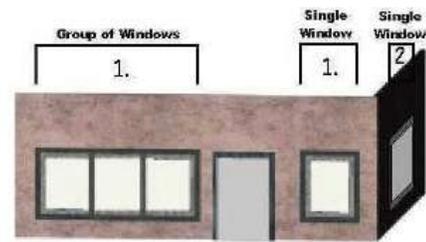


Figure 13

1. They shall not cover more than 25% of any single window, nor 25% of the entire surface area of a group of windows (See Figure 13),
2. They shall be no more than 10 feet above adjacent grade, and
3. They shall not exceed 64 cumulative square feet. Signs (e.g., neon, etc.) which are within 18 inches of the interior window surface shall be included in this calculation.