

16-05-060 Signs Allowed Without A Permit

(a) THE FOLLOWING SIGNS ARE ALLOWED IN ANY ZONE (except on public property) DISTRICT WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT OF A SIGN PERMIT.

(15) Community Signs. Community signs require review by the Community Development Department including recommendation of the County Engineer and/or other pertinent County department, for compliance with the following criteria:

A. No sign(s) shall be permitted which is unsafe for vehicular or pedestrian traffic, is inappropriate with respect to location, size, time or duration of display, or is maintained in a deteriorated condition.

Such sign(s):

1. Must be made of durable, weather resistant material;
2. Must use logos or symbols instead of copy where possible, where copy would cause a distraction to vehicular traffic; and
3. May be located at various gateway areas to the County, along major streets and important intersections adjacent to non-residential properties as approved by the Community Development Department.

B. Such signs shall be uniform in size for each individual display and shall be no larger than 4 feet wide and 10 feet tall for signs attached to light or utility poles. Signs attached to a building may be larger but must be appropriate in scale and location as approved by the Community Development Department.

C. Freestanding community signs shall be allowed on parcels with the permission of the owner and approval of the County Planner. The size of the sign depends on the number of acres involved on the property according to the following size and height standard:

less than 5 acres 32 sq. ft.

5 to 10 acres 64 sq. ft.

10 to 20 acres 96 sq. ft.

20 or more acres 128 sq. ft.

maximum height 15 feet

D. Such signs may not be attached to another temporary sign or a permanent traffic or business sign.

E. Such signs may be part of a rotating permanent feature of the County or community for such events as:

1. Fair Days
2. Holidays
3. Cultural and/or Arts events
4. Changes in seasons
5. General community promotion; i.e., business, with the prohibition of commercial endorsement or name on any such sign.

F. Such signs for any single purpose or event may not be displayed for more than 30 days. However, the Community Development Department may approve community purpose signs for long-term purposes subject to review on a 90-day basis.