

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions or would like to know more about additional sign criteria and exceptions, please feel free to contact the Community Development Department by phone at (425) 670-5400 or in person at 4114 198th St SW, Suite 7.

NOTE

MOST SIGNS REQUIRE A PERMIT. PLEASE CALL AND SPEAK TO OUR STAFF BEFORE YOU ORDER A SIGN.

(425) 670-5400 for electrical or submittal requirements

(425) 670-5410 for dimensional and setback requirements, additional sign criteria and exceptions

The requirements for signs are also available in their entirety online under LMC Chapter 21.16.



PROHIBITED SIGNS

- Banners
- Balloons
- Pennants
- Festoons
- Signs with moving or revolving parts
- Signs with flashing or blinking lights, except for electronic signs such as LED displays
- Portable readerboard signs
- Off-premise signs
- Signs attached to vehicles not currently licensed or operable

Banners, and some other prohibited signs are permitted with a Special Event Permit. Please call Business Licensing at (425) 670-5459 for more information.



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Code Enforcement
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Outdoor Commercial Signs



Permitted Signs

MOST SIGNS REQUIRE A PERMIT

Signs are an essential part of the success and visibility of any business. The City of Lynnwood has adopted a sign code to ensure that signs are used creatively, effectively, and in an aesthetically pleasing manner while providing consistency and minimizing safety concerns.

There are two main types of signs—freestanding signs, which are signs permanently placed in the ground; and building signs, which are attached to a building or structure. Other signs include a-boards, real estate signs and temporary construction signs.

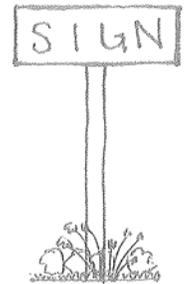
General rules for signs are as follows:

- A-boards (also known as sandwich boards) can be placed no further than 100 yards from the front door of a business. Signs may be posted during business hours only.
- Signs may not obstruct sidewalks, parking areas, or otherwise present a hazard or public nuisance.
- Signs may not be fastened to trees, fences, shrubs, rocks, telephone poles, streetlight or traffic control signs.
- Signs shall be kept in good repair and in safe condition. Any damage must be repaired.
- Signs must comply with all applicable requirements and codes.
- Illuminated signs shall be shaded or directed so that the light will not effect surrounding properties.

FREESTANDING SIGNS

POLE SIGNS

A pole sign is a tall, permanently installed freestanding sign which generally has an interchangeable cabinet or an electronically changing sign. Pole signs may be a maximum of 25 feet tall, and must be set back 35 feet from the street right-of-way and 10 feet from the side property line. The allowable sign area is 75 square feet, although this number may be increased depending on the site conditions and distance from the street.



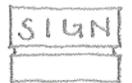
MONUMENT SIGNS

A monument sign is defined by its height and wide base. Monument signs must be set back a minimum of 10 feet and a maximum of 35 feet from the street right-of-way, have a base that is at least 3 feet wide or 50% of the width of the sign (whichever is greater), and be built with materials which minimize reflections. The minimum height is 3.5 feet. As the setback increases, the allowable sign area increases up to 75 square feet and the allowable height increases to 25 feet.



GROUND SIGNS

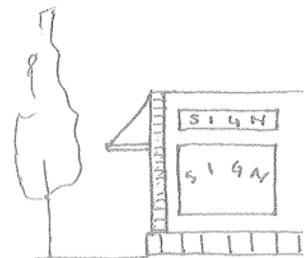
Ground signs are smaller versions of monument signs and may be setback 5 feet from the street right-of-way. The base must be, at a minimum, 75% of the width of the sign. Ground signs have a maximum allowable area of 25 square feet and a maximum height of 3.5 feet.



BUILDING SIGNS

The category of building signs includes wall signs, projecting, marquee, and non-rigid awning signs, and roof signs.

The most popular of these is the wall sign. The allowable area for a wall sign on the front of a building (defined as either where the front door is or the side of the building facing the street), is 60 square feet plus 1 square foot per lineal foot of that building façade over 60 feet in length. Wall signs not on the “front” of a building may have 0.5 square feet of area per lineal foot of that building façade. There are some additional limitations on wall signs, so please contact our staff if you have questions.



GOT QUESTIONS? WE'VE GOT ANSWERS.

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