

Temporary Signs for Re-Openings

As Lynnwood businesses begin to reopen during Phase 2 and 3 of the “Safe Start – Stay Healthy” plan, many will look for ways to advertise their reopening to customers. The information below shares what kinds of temporary and portable signs are allowed per the Lynnwood Municipal Code. If you plan to display a sign on this list that requires a permit, please submit your permit about one week prior to the date you expect to have it displayed.

Temporary and Portable Sign Requirements		
Requirements for all Temporary and Portable Signs:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one of each type of sign is allowed per business • Non-banner signs may be located no more than 100 yards from business • Non-banner signs must be removed whenever the business is not open 		
Sign Type	Requirements	Permit Required?
A-Frame / Stationary (LMC 21.16.225.B.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be in the public right-of-way but not in defined or paved pedestrian walkway or public highway. • 12 square feet maximum size (total of both sides). 	No
Sandwich Board (LMC 21.16.225.B.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be in public right-of-way, but not public highway. • Must be carried over shoulders at all times. • Constructed of two faces joined by shoulder straps. • Each face no larger than: 2.5 feet wide by 5 feet high • No moving parts or lighting. 	No
Handheld Moveable (LMC 21.16.225.B.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No larger than four square feet in area. • Shall not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Orally solicit for business or use audio/visual devices to broadcast music or video. ○ Disrupt traffic or pedestrian safety. ○ Wear clothing with lights, pinwheels, flags, or other accoutrements that may distract traffic. ○ Enter the street, except to cross the street at designated pedestrian crossings. ○ Block the public sidewalk. 	No
Banner: Grand Opening Event (LMC 21.16.255)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One banner per street frontage of business. • Must be on the building at businesses’ occupancy. • Maximum display duration: 30 days • Maximum size in square feet (sf): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0-15,000 sf business size = 32 sf banner 15,001 – 30,000 sf business size = 48 sf banner 30,001 – 60,000 sf business size = 60m sf banner Greater than 60,000 sf = 72 sf banner 	Yes



Prohibited Signs (LMC 21.16.220)

The following signs are not allowed in the City of Lynnwood:

- Balloons
- Pennants
- Festoons
- Feather signs
- Inflatable signs
- Revolving signs and signs with moving parts
- Signs with flashing and blinking lights, and signs with lights that go on and off sequentially.
- Portable reader board signs
- Off-premise signs (except for those permitted above)
- Portable and temporary signs (except for those permitted above)
- Signs attached to vehicles that can be seen from the public right-of-way or adjacent property and do not have a current license or are inoperable.



Feather Sign



Inflatable Sign

Lynnwood Municipal Code Section 21.16.220 – Prohibited Signs

It is the sole responsibility of each business to comply with all applicable laws and orders. The City reserves the right to enforce sign code requirements at any time.

For More Information: Contact Development and Business Services at planning@lynnwoodwa.gov or 425-670-5410.