

Section 1380 - Signs

Section 1380, Signs: “The Code of Ordinances of the City of Newport, County of Washington, State of Minnesota,” shall be amended by amending Chapter 13, Zoning Ordinance of the City Code, for purposes of adding the following:

1380.01 Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect and promote the general welfare, health, safety and order within the City of Newport through the standards, regulations and procedures governing the erection, use and/or display of devices, signs or symbols serving as visual communicative media to persons situated within or upon public rights-of-way or properties.

The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to encourage creativity, a reasonable degree of freedom of choice, an opportunity for effective communication and a sense of concern for the visual amenities on the part of those designing, displaying or otherwise utilizing needed communicative media of the types regulated by this Ordinance, while at the same time assuring that the public is not endangered, annoyed or distracted by the unsafe, disorderly, indiscriminate or unnecessary use of such communicative facilities.

1380.02 Definitions.

- A. **Accessory Sign:** A sign relating in its subject matter to the premises on which it is located, or to products, accommodations, services or activities on the premises on which it is located.
- B. **Accessory Use:** A use which is subordinate to the principal use being made of a parcel of land. Accessory uses are defined in the Zoning Code.
- C. **Address Sign:** Postal identification numbers only, whether written or in numeric form.
- D. **Area Identification Sign:** A free-standing sign which identifies the name of a neighborhood, a residential subdivision, a multiple residential complex consisting of three (3) or more structures, a shopping center or area, an industrial area, an office complex consisting of three (3) or more structures or any combination of the above that could be termed an area.
- E. **Banners and Pennants:** Attention-getting devices which resemble flags and are of a nonpermanent paper, cloth or plastic-like consistency.
- F. **Bench Signs:** A sign which is affixed to a bench or shelter at a bus stop.
- G. **Billboard:** A large outdoor advertising structure mounted on one or more legs and designed to display posters or other composite graphic advertisements where the advertised goods or services are not provided at the location of the sign.
- H. **Building:** A freestanding structure or group of structures joined by a common wall.
- I. **Bulletin Sign:** An accessory sign which announces goods or services available through the use of changeable letters.
- J. **Church Directional Sign:** A sign which bears the address and/or name of a church and direction arrows pointing to a church location.
- K. **Canopy and Marquee:** A roof like structure projecting over the entrance to a theater, store, etc.

- L. **District:** A specific zoning district as defined in the Zoning Ordinance.
- M. **Dynamic Display Sign:** “Dynamic display” shall mean any characteristics of a sign that appear to have movement or that appear to change, caused by any method other than physically removing and replacing the sign or its components, whether the apparent movement or change is in the display, the sign structure itself, or any other component of the sign. This includes a display that incorporates a technology or method allowing the sign face to change the image without having to physically or mechanically replace the sign face or its components. This also includes any rotating, revolving, moving, flashing, blinking or animated display and any display that incorporates rotating panels, LED lights manipulated through digital input, “digital ink” or any other method or technology that allows the sign face to present a series of images or displays.
- N. **Free-Standing Sign:** A sign which is placed in the ground and not affixed to any part of any structure.
- O. **Illuminated Sign:** Any sign which is illuminated by an artificial light source, which shall include all electronic signs utilizing internal light sources and any sign that makes use of electric lighting to reflect off of an otherwise opaque message surface.
- P. **Institutional Sign:** Any sign or bulletin board which identifies the name and other characteristics of a public or private institution on the site where the sign is located.
- Q. **Nameplate or Identification Sign:** A sign which bears the name and/or address of the occupants of the building.
- R. **Non-Accessory Sign:** A sign other than an accessory sign.
- S. **Nonconforming Sign:** A sign which does not conform to the newly enacted requirements of this Ordinance.
- T. **Portable Sign:** A sign which is not permanently attached to the ground or any structure and so designed as to be movable from one location to another.
- U. **Principal Building:** A freestanding structure and/or multi-tenant building sharing common walls.
- V. **Projecting Sign:** Any sign, all or any part of which extends over public property more than twelve (12) inches.
- W. **Permanent Sign:** Any sign which is not a temporary sign.
- X. **Pylon Sign:** A freestanding area identification sign greater than twenty (20) feet in height, intended for freeway advertising.
- Y. **Roof Sign:** Any sign erected upon or projecting above the roofline of a structure to which it is affixed.
- Z. **Sign:** Any letter, word or symbol, device, poster, picture, statuary, reading matter or representation in the nature of an advertisement, announcement, message or visual communication whether painted, posted, printed, affixed or constructed, which is displayed

outdoors or on a window or on the interior of a building within three (3) feet of a window and clearly visible from the outside of said building for informational or communicative purposes.

- AA. **Sign Area:** That area within the marginal lines of the surface which bears the advertisement, or in the case of messages, figures or symbols attached directly to any part of the building, that area which is included in the smallest rectangle which can be made to circumscribe the message, figure or symbol displayed thereon. The stipulated maximum sign area for a freestanding sign refers to a single facing.
- BB. **Street Frontage:** The edge of a street along a parcel. An interior lot has one (1) street frontage and a corner lot two (2) such frontages.
- CC. **Temporary Sign:** A sign which is erected or displayed for a limited period of time.
- DD. **Traffic Directional Sign:** A sign which is erected by a governmental unit for the purpose of directing or guiding traffic.
- EE. **Internal Traffic Directional Sign:** A sign which is erected on private property by the owner of such property for the purpose of guiding vehicular and pedestrian traffic within his property. Such sign bears no advertising information.
- FF. **Wall Sign:** Any sign which is affixed to a wall of any building.

1380.03 General Provisions Applicable to All Districts.

- A. Non-accessory freestanding and wall signs are prohibited in all districts, except in areas specially designated in this Ordinance.
- B. The base or support structure for freestanding signs shall complement the design of the building and incorporate forty percent (40%) of brick, stone, decorative block, or similar substantial materials as approved by the Zoning Administrator.
- C. Freestanding signs along major thoroughfares (I494 and T.H. 61) shall be subject to a review by the Zoning Administrator. The focus of the review is to assure the quality of the sign with regard to design and materials - Section 1380.03, B. Furthermore, the Zoning Administrator will consider the signs' relationship to any architectural theme of existing or proposed structures in the area.
- D. Freestanding signs shall be constructed with the base consisting of materials matching the building with said base at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the width of the sign from the ground to the bottom of the sign.
- E. All signs shall be constructed in such a manner and of such material that they shall be safe and substantial, provided that nothing in this Code shall be interpreted as authorizing the erection or construction of any sign not now permissible under the Zoning or Building Codes of the City.
- F. The Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator, in granting permits for illuminated signs, shall specify the hours during which the same may be kept lighted to prevent the creation of a nuisance. All illuminated signs designed to reflect light off of a light source shall have a shielded light source that will prevent the direct view of that light source from any passing roadway or residence at grade. Any illuminated sign located within fifty (50) feet of a lot line of a Residential District shall be diffused or indirect so as not to direct rays of light into adjacent residences. Any

dynamic display sign located within fifty (50) feet of a lot line of a Residential District shall comply with the requirements of Section 1380.03. O and shall be turned off or programmed to go blank between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., daily. All illuminated signs in Business and Industry Districts that are in close proximity to Residential Districts and residential property located in a Business, Commercial and Industrial District shall be designed so as to illuminate the sign and not residential property. All dynamic display signs, regardless of zoning district, shall comply with the requirements of Section 1380.03., items N and O.

- G. No sign, other than public traffic controls, direction or street name signs, or campaign yard signs, shall be erected or temporarily within any street right-of-way or upon any public easements. Campaign yard signs may be located in a commercial, industrial or residential lot not less than five (5) feet from the curb, lot line or edge of street, and shall meet the requirements identified in Subsection I, below.
- H. A permit for a sign to be located within fifty (50) feet of any street or highway regulatory or warning sign, or of any traffic sign or signal, or of any crossroad or crosswalk, will be issued only if:
 - 1. The sign will not interfere with the ability of drivers and pedestrians to see any street or highway sign, or any traffic sign or signal, or any crossroad or crosswalk, and
 - 2. The sign will not distract drivers nor offer any confusion to any street or highway sign, or any traffic sign or signal. The burden of establishing whether a particular sign configuration will not disturb or confuse drivers will be on the applicant seeking to construct the sign.
- I. Campaign yard signs shall be regulated by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 211B.045. "In any municipality, whether or not the municipality has an ordinance that regulates the size or number of noncommercial signs, all noncommercial signs of any size may be posted in any number from August 1 in a state general election year until ten days following the state general election."
- J. Temporary signs adjacent to the public right-of-way for the purpose of selling or leasing individual lots or buildings or a sign promoting the construction or remodeling of a property or building shall be permitted, provided:
 - 1. Such signs shall not exceed six (6) square feet for residential property and thirty-two (32) square feet for nonresidential property, multiple-family developments of four (4) or more dwelling units and single-family developments of four (4) or more dwelling units.
 - 2. Only one (1) such sign is permitted per street frontage upon which the property abuts.
 - 3. Such sign shall be removed within seven (7) days following the lease or sale or completion of the construction or remodeling project.
 - 4. Signs for nonresidential property, multiple-family developments of four (4) or more dwelling units and single-family developments of four (4) or more dwelling units shall be located no closer than one hundred (100) feet to any residence not part of the project.
- K. Portable, dynamic display signs are not allowed as permanent signs in any District.
- L. Any free-standing sign within twenty-five (25) feet of any intersection of street right-of-way lines

and/or driveway entrances shall have vertical clearance for proper visibility by motorists on all affected roadways.

- M. All applications for signs of more than two (2) sides shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission and Council.
- N. The following standards shall apply to image duration, transition, and other characteristics of signs with dynamic display:
1. An interim use permit is required for dynamic display signs that is a one-time permit and non-transferable.
 2. Signs with dynamic display that are oriented toward the public right of way shall not include moving video images.
 3. Business and identification signs with dynamic display may either have stable text and/or stable images, or they may have scrolling text and/or scrolling images. Signs with dynamic display which contain stable text and/or stable images may not change their text or image more than once every eight (8) seconds. Signs with dynamic display which contain scrolling text and/or scrolling images may not scroll at a rate faster than one (1) word per second, where words contain an average of five (5) characters each.
 4. For stable text and/or stable images, the transition from one static display to another must be direct and immediate without any special effects except for fading and dissolving that takes less than one (1) second.
 5. Signs with dynamic display shall not emit sound except of those at drive-through sales and services.
 6. Other modes of displaying messages are prohibited. Modes which cause the message to flash are prohibited.
- O. All dynamic display signs shall come equipped with automatic dimming technology that automatically adjusts the sign's brightness in direct correlation in natural ambient light conditions. Between dusk and dawn, the sign shall not exceed a brightness level of five hundred (500) nits. At no time shall any dynamic display sign exceed an illumination level of 0.3 foot candles above ambient light as measured using a foot candle (Lux) meter at a preset distance depending on sign area, measured as follows:

Area of Sign sq. ft.	Measurement Distance (ft.)
10	32
15	39
20	45
25	50
30	55
35	59
40	63
45	67
50	71

** For signs with an area in square feet other than those specifically listed in the table (i.e., 12 sq*

ft, 400 sq ft, etc), the measurement distance may be calculated with the following formula:

Measurement Distance = the square root of the area of sign in Sq. Ft. x 100

Prior to permitting any dynamic display sign, the applicant shall submit a signed letter from the dynamic display sign manufacturer certifying that the dynamic display sign has been calibrated to comply with the requirements of this Section.

- P. Bench signs are permitted in all districts at MTC bus stops.
- Q. Back-lighted signs are permitted on the ends of bus shelters.
- R. Public institution and/or Church directional signs shall be permitted in all districts provided the total area of such sign shall not exceed seven (7) square feet.”
- S. Canopies and marquees shall be considered to be an integral part of the structure to which they are accessory. Signs may be attached to a canopy or marquee but such structure shall not be considered as part of the wall area and thus shall not warrant additional sign area.
- T. Signs advertising garage, yard, or similar household sales shall be removed within seven (7) days after the sale.
- U. The portion of any dynamic or illuminated sign that is used for the conveyance of any message will be included within the overall size of the sign. For purposes of this section, the permitted size of a dynamic or illuminated sign shall be calculated so as to include the full height and width of the sign structure immediately surrounding the message area.
- V. Signs located on a window or on the interior of a building within three (3) feet of a window and clearly visible from the outside of said building shall be regulated by this section. Said signs shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the window area and shall be designed, constructed, and maintained to be professional looking.
- W. Signs which are located on the interior of a building, are not on or within three (3) feet of a window and are not visible from the outside of said building shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance and shall not require permits or payment of fees.
- X. Roof signs shall be prohibited in all districts.
- Y. Except as otherwise provided for in this Section, no sign may be placed on any property if the sign does not advertise a product or service located or available on that property.

1380.04 District Regulations.

- A. In addition to those signs permitted in all districts, the following signs are permitted in each specific district and shall be regulated as to size, location and character according to the requirements herein set forth:
 - 1. **Residential Districts:**
 - a. Nameplate Signs: One (1) sign for each dwelling unit, not greater than two (2) square feet in area, indicating the name and/or address of the occupant.

- b. Institutional and Recreational Signs: One (1) sign or bulletin board per street frontage for public institutional use; for recreational use in residential districts, such sign or bulletin board shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area nor shall it be placed closer than ten (10) feet to any edge of street line nor shall it be placed in a location that would interfere with the safe movement of traffic.
- c. Area Identification Signs: One (1) sign per each major development, not to exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area.
- d. Temporary Signs: According to 1380.03.
- e. Maximum Height of Free-Standing Signs: Eight (8) feet.
- f. Lighting: Lighting must be indirect or diffused. Dynamic display signs shall comply with the requirements in Section 1380.03. O. Dynamic display signs shall comply with the requirements in Section 1380.03. N and O.
- g. Home Occupation Signs: Any occupant of a residential unit engaged in a home occupation, may have one (1) sign not exceeding three (3) square feet.

2. Business/Commercial/Industrial Districts:

- a. Wall Signs: One (1) wall sign for each street frontage shall be permitted on a building for each business located within such building. The total area of all wall signs affixed to a building wall shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total area of that wall. No individual wall sign shall exceed one hundred and fifty (150) square feet.

A wall sign shall not project more than eighteen (18) inches from the wall to which the sign is to be affixed. Furthermore, wall mounted signs shall not exceed the roof line on any building.

- b. Freestanding Sign: One (1) freestanding sign is permitted for each building for each street frontage.

The total area of a freestanding sign for a building having one (1) street frontage shall not exceed eighty (80) square feet. Where a building has two (2) or more street frontages, each permitted freestanding sign in excess of one (1) shall be no greater than one-half (1/2) the area of the first sign.

No part of a freestanding sign shall be closer than ten (10) feet to the front property line or exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height. The height shall be measured from the base of the sign or grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is lower, to the top edge of the said sign.

- c. Bulletin Signs: Bulletin signs may have individual face areas of up to fifty percent (50%) of the area of the display surface area of the business' identification or free-standing sign. Bulletin signs which are not wall-mounted must have a minimum elevation of ten (10) feet from the base of the sign or grade of the nearest adjacent roadway, whichever is lower, to the bottom edge of the said sign.

One (1) portable bulletin sign up to fifteen (15) square feet may be displayed only during the merchant's business hours, with a permit. Such signs shall be located within the width

of the storefront to which it is related and shall be additionally regulated by 1380.04, 2. e. Temporary Signs.

- d. Pylon Signs: Retail and service establishments on property abutting an interstate freeway or state highway right-of-way may erect one (1) pylon sign for each building and/or building owned by a corporate entity or business. Said sign shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet of display surface area and shall be in addition to their one (1) free-standing sign or wall sign.

The minimum allowance distance of a pylon sign to an interstate right-of-way is fifty (50) feet, with a maximum height of thirty-five (35) feet.

- 1) Application may be made to the city for a variance to increase the maximum sign height on a lot having the following characteristics.
 - a) The lot abuts the right-of-way of an interstate freeway or state highway or abuts a frontage road immediately adjacent to an interstate freeway or state highway.
 - b) The lot does not have and is not permitted to have directional signage on the interstate freeway or state highway directing the public to the subject lot.
 - 2) To be eligible for a variance to increase sign height, the application shall be accompanied by the following drawings drawn to scale:
 - a) A site plan showing the location of the proposed sign, property lines of the subject property, road alignments of adjacent streets and highways and the locations of any cross sectional drawings necessary to analyze the request.
 - b) Cross sectional drawings necessary to analyze the request showing the entire traveled surface of the freeway or state highway, any retaining walls or fences, any frontage roads, and the proposed sign location.
 - 3) The Zoning Administrator **may** approve an application for a variance to increase sign height which meets the criteria set forth in 1380.04,A.,2.,d.,1) where the proposed sign plan meets each of the following requirements:
 - a) The sign is no higher than necessary to permit the bottom edge of the sign face to be visible from at least fifty percent (50%) of the traveled surface of the interstate or state highway.
 - b) The top of the sign face is no more than twelve (12) feet above the bottom of the sign face.
 - c) The location of the sign is such that the increase in sign height is minimized.
 - d) The sign face shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet.
- e. Temporary Signs: Temporary special event signs may be displayed upon issuance of a permit, for not more than thirty (30) calendar days, and not more than two (2) times each year. Such signs shall include: banners, pennants, portable bulletin signs, streamers, and other signs approved by the City. The design and construction of all said signs shall be professional looking and not be allowed to become torn or weathered.

No temporary sign or combination of temporary signs may exceed eighty (80) square feet in area.

All signs, including temporary special event signs, which are located on the interior of a building within three (3) feet of a window and clearly visible from the outside of said building shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the window area.

Temporary special event signs such as flying signs, air inflated devices, and search lights shall not be allowed at any time in any zoning district.

- f. Flags: An individual business and institution may have no more than three (3) flags or forty-five (45) square feet of flag surface displayed at any one time.
 - g. Residential Uses: Any residential building located in a Business District shall meet the sign requirements of 1380.04, 1. (Residential Districts).
3. **Mixed Use Districts:**
- a. Any residential building in a Mixed Use District shall meet the sign requirements of 1380.04, 1. (Residential Districts).
 - b. Any business/commercial building in a Mixed Use District shall meet the sign requirements of 1380.04, 2. (Business/Commercial/Industrial Districts).

1380.05 Billboards.

- A. It shall be unlawful to erect in the city a billboard without first having obtained a license therefore. Application for the license shall be made to the Zoning Administrator upon a form furnished by him or her and accompanied by a fee as established from time to time by the Council, which license fee shall be pro-rated so as to have the license expire on January 31st of each year. Each license shall be issued for a period of one year, except that in the first year of issuance a license shall be valid for that portion of a year ending the following January 31.
- B. Every billboard located in the city upon any thoroughfare shall be located at least three thousand (3,000) feet apart from another billboard and may not, in any event, be located nearer than one thousand, five hundred (1,500) feet from any road or highway intersection.
- C. A billboard may only be erected in an I-1 Light Industrial District, shall not exceed five hundred fifty (550) square feet, shall be no higher than twenty-five (25) feet above existing grade level, shall be set back at least ten (10) feet from any property lines, and shall not have flashing lights or moving parts of any kind.

The minimum allowable distance of a billboard to any building shall be twenty-five (25) feet, to any Residential District five hundred (500) feet, and no portion of any billboard shall occupy air space above any driveway or parking area.

- D. Every billboard shall be repainted by the licensee at least once every two (2) years.
- E. There shall be filed with the City Clerk-Administrator a perpetual bond in favor of the city in the penal sum of two hundred and fifty and no/100 (\$250.00) dollars for each billboard. The bond shall be issued by sureties in a form approved by the City Attorney. The condition of the bond

shall be full compliance with this Section.

- F. A billboard may be an electronic or illuminated sign. Any such billboard, however, must meet the additional requirements imposed upon such signs as are otherwise stated in this Section.

1380.06 Maintenance.

- A. All signs, billboards, and other advertising structures shall be maintained in good condition and the area around them shall be kept free from debris, weeds, and other objectionable material.

1380.07 Administration and Enforcement.

- A. **Permits.** Except as provided below, the owner or occupant of the premises on which a sign is to be displayed, or the owner or installer of such signs, shall file an application provided by the City Zoning Administrator for permission to display such sign. Permits must be acquired for all existing, new, relocated, modified or redesigned signs except those specifically excepted below. The applicant shall submit with the application a complete description of the sign and a sketch showing its size, location, manner of construction and such other information as shall be necessary to inform the City Zoning Administrator of the kind, size, material, construction and location of the sign. The City Zoning Administrator may approve Sign Permits upon completion of an inspection of the said sign by the City Building Inspector. The applicant shall also submit the fee at the time of application.

If a sign authorized by a permit has not been installed within three (3) months after the date of issuance of said permit, the permit shall become null and void.

- B. All signs shall be constructed in accordance with the current Minnesota State Building Code and National Electric Code. To the extent that any conflict exists between those provisions and the provision of the City Code, to the extent the City Code provisions are more restrictive, they shall apply.
- C. All signs utilizing electricity shall be subject to the State's current Electrical Code and electrical wiring shall be buried or concealed.
- D. All sign structures shall be designed and constructed to withstand a wind pressure of not less than eighty (80) M.P.H., or as determined by the current Minnesota State Building Code.
- E. **Exemptions.** The exemptions permitted by this section shall apply only to the requirement of a permit and shall not be construed as excusing the installer of the sign, or the owner of the property upon which the sign is located, from complying with the other provisions of this Ordinance. No permit is required under this section for the following signs:
 1. Signs erected by a governmental unit or public school district.
 2. Memorial signs or tablets containing the name of the building, its use and date of erection when cut or built into the walls of the building and constructed of bronze, brass, stone or marble.
 3. Signs which are completely within a building, are not on or within three (3) feet of a window and are not visible from the outside of said building.
 4. A nameplate sign not exceeding two (2) square feet in area, and containing only the name of

- the resident, or title of person practicing a profession, in a Residential District.
5. Real estate signs pertaining to the lease or sale of real estate containing six (6) or less square feet.
 6. Construction signs advertising the development or improvement of a property by builder, owner, contractor or other persons furnishing service, materials or labor, provided such sign is removed when the work is completed or upon issuance of a certificate of occupancy or completion, whichever occurs first.
 7. Garage sale Signs.

1380.08 Violations and Fines.

- A. If the City Zoning Administrator or his deputies finds that any sign regulated by this Ordinance is prohibited as to size, location, content, type, number, height, or method of construction, or is unsafe, insecure or a menace to the public, or if any sign has been constructed or erected without a permit first being granted to the installer of said sign or to the owner of the property upon which said sign has been erected, or if the owner fails to properly maintain said sign in a safe, orderly condition at all times, including the replacement of defective parts, or is in violation of any other provisions of this Ordinance, the City Zoning Administrator shall give written notice of such violation to the owner or permittee thereof. If the owner or permittee fails to comply with the provision set forth in this Ordinance within ten (10) calendar days following receipt of said notice:
 1. **Nuisance.** Such sign shall be deemed to be a nuisance and may be abated by the City by proceedings taken under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429, and the cost of abatement, including administration expenses, may be levied as a special assessment against the property upon which the sign is located.
 2. **Penalty.** Failure to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor.
- B. Any property owner that leases building space or land on and/or within their property has a responsibility to assist, as is applicable, in the enforcement of this section with their tenants.

1380.09 Appeals.

A permit applicant or permit holder may appeal any order or determination made by the City Zoning Administrator or his deputies pursuant to this Ordinance by filing a notice of appeal with the City Administrator requesting a hearing before the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will hear:

- A. Appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the administrative officer in the enforcement of this Ordinance.
- B. Requests for variances from the literal provisions of this Ordinance.

Upon completion of said public hearing, the Planning Commission will forward to the Newport City Council a recommendation on said appeal for final approval/disapproval.

1380.10 Nonconforming Signs.

- A. All non-conforming signs shall be brought into compliance within sixty (60) days of a change in

the principle business use.

- B. Any business or property with signs not in compliance with the standards of this Section, but which were in place legally on the date of the adoption of this Code, may retain such signs as legal non-conforming uses. Such signs may be maintained normally. A significant change in the size, shape, design, or materials of the sign, as determined by the Zoning Administrator, shall be in conformance with all standards of this Section.
- C. Any nonconforming temporary or portable sign existing at the time of adoption of this Ordinance shall be made to comply with the requirements set forth herein or shall be removed within one (1) year after the adoption of this Ordinance.

1380.11 Nonstructural Trim. Nonstructural trim and portable display surfaces may be of wood, metal, approved plastics, or any combination thereof, provided that Subsection 1380.10 is satisfied where applicable.

1380.12 Anchorage.

- A. Members supporting unbraced signs shall be so proportioned that the bearing loads imposed on the soil in either direction, horizontal or vertical, shall not exceed the safe values. Braced ground signs shall be anchored to resist the specified wind or seismic load acting in any direction. Anchors and supports shall be designed for safe bearing loads on the soil and for an effective resistance to pull-out amounting to a force twenty-five (25) percent greater than the required resistance to overturning. Anchors and supports shall penetrate to a depth below ground greater than that of the frost line.
- B. Portable ground signs supported by frames or posts rigidly attached to the base shall be so proportioned that the weight and size of the base shall be adequate to resist wind pressure.
- C. Signs attached to masonry, concrete, or steel shall be safely and securely fastened thereto by means of metal anchors, bolts, or approved expansion screws of sufficient size and anchorage to support the loads applied.
- D. No wooded blocks or plugs, or anchors with wood used in connection with screws or nails, shall be considered proper anchorage, except in the case of signs attached to wood framing.
- E. No anchor or support of any sign shall be connected to, or supported by, an unbraced parapet wall unless such wall is designed in accordance with the requirements for parapet walls specified for seismic zones in the then adopted Uniform Building Code.

1380.13 Display Surfaces. Display surfaces in all types of signs may be made of metal, glass or approved plastics, provided Subsection 1380.10 is satisfied where applicable.

1380.14 Glass and Plastic Thickness and Area Limitations.

- A. Sections of approved plastics on wall signs shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet in area.
- B. Sections of approved plastics on signs other than wall signs may be greater than one hundred fifty (150) square feet in area if allowed by the area regulations of the Zoning District, and if approved by the Building Inspector.

C. Sections of approved plastics on wall signs shall be separated three (3) feet laterally and six (6) feet vertically by the required exterior wall construction. Sections of approved plastics on signs other than wall signs may not be required to be separated if approved by the Building Inspector.

D. Glass thickness and area limitations shall be as follows:

Any Dimension (in inches)	Minimum Area (in square inches)	Thickness of Glass (in inches)	Type of Glass
30	500	1/8	Plain, Plate or Wired
45	700	3/16	Plain, Plate or Wired
144	3600	1/4	Plain, Plate or Wired
Over 144	Over 3600	1/4	Wired Glass

1380.15 Use of Approved Plastics. The Building Inspector shall require that sufficient technical data be submitted to substantiate the proposed use of any plastic material and, if it is determined that the evidence submitted is satisfactory for the use intended, he or she may approve its use.

1380.16 Electric Signs.

- A. Electric signs shall be constructed of noncombustible materials, except as approved by the Building Inspector.
- B. The enclosed shell of electric signs shall be watertight, excepting that service holes fitted with covers shall be provided into each compartment of such signs.
- C. Electrical equipment used in connection with display signs shall be installed in accordance with all statutes, code provisions, ordinances, and regulations regulating electrical installations.
- D. Every electric sign shall have painted on the sign, or attached in permanent fashion, the name of the sign erector and date of erection. The name and date shall be of sufficient size and contrast to be readable from a reasonable distance. Failure to provide the name and date shall be grounds for rejection of the sign by the Building Inspector.