

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2007-11

Passed April 17 2007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1292 AND APPENDIX IV OF THE PICKERINGTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO SIGNS

WHEREAS, the City of Pickerington desires to amend Chapter 1292 and Appendix IV of the Codified Ordinances to revise sign standards as documented in the above sections; and

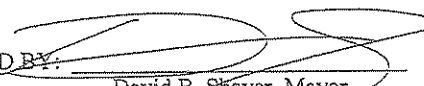
WHEREAS, the Pickerington Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments on January 9, 2007, and passed a motion to approve the amendments with staff recommendations, and

WHEREAS, the Service Committee reviewed the proposed amendments on February 15, 2007, and recommended approval of the amendments as proposed by staff;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICKERINGTON, FAIRFIELD-FRANKLIN COUNTIES OHIO, A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS CONCURRING:

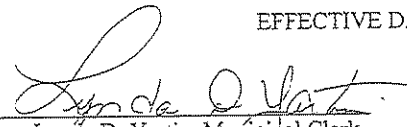
Section 1. Chapters 1292 and Appendix IV are hereby amended per Exhibits "A" & "B".

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective on the earliest date provided by law.


APPROVED BY:   
David B. Shaver, Mayor

DATE OF APPROVAL: April 17 2007

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 17 2007

ATTEST:   
Lynda D. Yartin, Municipal Clerk

SPONSOR: FIX

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY OF PURPOSE:   
Philip K. Hartmann, Law Director

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Code Inf.

**PART TWELVE - PLANNING AND ZONING CODE / TITLE EIGHT - Zoning /  
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**CROSS REFERENCES**

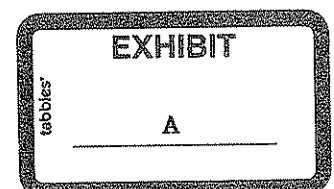
- Division of municipal corporation into zones - see Ohio R.C. 713.06
- Restrictions on buildings, structures, lots and setbacks - see Ohio R.C. 713.07 et seq.
- Municipal zoning regulations - see Ohio R.C. 713.12 et seq.
- Street and traffic control signs in developments - see P. & Z. 1258.16
- Sign permits - see P. & Z. 1272.17
- Signs in OG Districts - see P. & Z. 1284.03(c)(4)
- Signs in S.R. 256 corridor - see P. & Z. 1296.08(c)

**PART TWELVE - PLANNING AND ZONING CODE / TITLE EIGHT - Zoning /  
CHAPTER 1292 Signs / 1292.01 INTENT; SCOPE; USE TYPES; UNLISTED  
SIGNS.**

**1292.01 INTENT; SCOPE; USE TYPES; UNLISTED SIGNS.**

(a) It is the intent of this chapter to encourage the proper development and use of planned graphic signage systems and to regulate signs and signage systems. In addition to protection from distractions and obstructions that may contribute to traffic and pedestrian accidents, it is the contention of this chapter that signs are as much subject to control as noise, odor, debris and like characteristics of a use and that if they are not controlled and regulated, they may become a nuisance factor to adjacent properties or the community in general. To protect the general health, safety and welfare of the community, and to protect and encourage a more attractive, businesslike appearance of the community, all signs and signage systems are subject to this chapter.

(b) This chapter recognizes two underlying sign uses, namely on-premises and off-premises signs, and regulates each such use in accordance with community standards and the appropriate visual effect of signage in each zoning district. On-premises signs are intended primarily for identification of a land use on the same premises. In some zoning districts, on-premises signs may advertise as well. Off-premises signs advertise, promote or inform regarding products or services available primarily at locations other than the site of the off-premises sign. Off-premises signs include billboards and other signs that fit the above description. Co-op signs are a combination of on-premises and off-premises



uses. Typically furnished by national or regional companies, co-op signs advertise a product on part of the face of the sign and the local business on the remainder of the sign.

(c) Regulation of signs is based on the concept of "visual performance." As used in this section, "visual performance" means that the way a sign functions (or will function) in the environment affects the regulations that will be applied to it. For example, a sign mounted on a pole but adjacent to a building wall could be treated as a wall sign because it functions as such.

(d) Signs for uses not specifically listed in this chapter, or for which the Planning and Zoning ~~Director~~ Department requires a Code interpretation, shall be brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission. These signs shall conform to the appropriate regulation or Code interpretation within the purpose and intent of this chapter. The Planning and Zoning ~~Director~~ Department shall keep a separate record of such actions for use in updating this Code.

(e) This chapter encourages comprehensive signage plans for a site under the control of a single owner, by permitting such plans to be used in lieu of specific regulations. (Ord. 89-31. Passed 5-16-89.)

(f) Illuminated, neon and other artificially illuminated window signs existing prior to the adoption of this section, as amended, are hereby declared to be subject to the provisions of Section 1292.03. (Ord. 96-55. Passed 8-6-96.)

**PART TWELVE - PLANNING AND ZONING CODE / TITLE EIGHT - Zoning / CHAPTER 1292 Signs / 1292.02 PERMITTED SIGNS FOR WHICH NO CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED.**

**1292.02 PERMITTED SIGNS FOR WHICH NO CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED.**

The following signs shall be permitted in the Municipality subject to the following regulations. No zoning certificate shall be required for any sign constructed or erected in accordance with this section.

(a) Signs displaying the address and name of the occupant of the premises for a residential structure, not including designations as to employment or home occupations, and limited in size to one square foot;

(b) Signs required or authorized for a public purpose by any law, statute or ordinance, including traffic control devices;

(c) Signs in the nature of cornerstones, commemorative tables and historical signs, limited in size to twelve square feet and not illuminated;

(d) Signs clearly in the nature of decorations customarily associated with any

national, local or religious holiday, limited to sixty days in any one year and to be displayed for not more than sixty consecutive days. Such signs may be illuminated or animated, provided that safety and visibility hazards are not created.

(e) Political signs or posters concerning candidates for election, to be displayed beginning not more than forty-five days prior to election, and to be removed not later than three days after such election, subject to penalty. Such signs shall not exceed six square feet in area, shall not be illuminated, shall not create a safety or visibility hazard and shall not be located over a public right of way. Ballot issue signs may be permitted within the right of way only when specifically permitted by the City Manager or designee. No sign governed by this section shall be placed on any property without prior approval of the landowner.

(f) Signs that indicate the sale, rental or lease of a particular structure or land area, to be limited in size to six square feet, with one sign allowed per street front. Such signs shall not be located in a public right of way, nor shall they be used in lieu of permanent signs. (Ord. 89-87. Passed 12-5-89.)

(g) Interior signs of a business use, incorporated into a window display, as permitted in Section 1292.03(a)(4), and limited to nine square feet or less. Such signs are limited to one sign per window. (Ord. 96-55. Passed 8-6-96.)

~~(h) Signage for the promotion of school, community service or church activities for a maximum period of thirty days, limited to thirty two square feet per sign and two signs per site. Such signs may be located within a public right of way or on public property with the express written consent of the Planning and Zoning Director or the City Manager.~~

~~(i) Cooperative/shared directional signs provided by developers who are actively developing residential sites within the Municipality, which signs are permitted on public property or within the right of way when approved by the Safety Committee of Council and the Planning and Zoning Director. (Ord. 89-87. Passed 12-5-89.)~~

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CHAPTER 1292 Signs / 1292.03 PERMITTED SIGNS FOR WHICH A  
CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED.**

**1292.03 PERMITTED SIGNS FOR WHICH A CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED.**

All signs not already specifically excluded shall require a permit zoning certificate. Signs are classified into five types, namely wall, projected, ground, roof and interior window signs; and three uses, namely on-premises, off-premises and co-op signs.

**(a) Types of Signs.**

**(1) Wall signs.** A wall sign may be erected on a building wall that faces a street, parking lot or service drive, and such signs may not extend beyond any building setback lines. Letters, graphics and -or numerals mounted on a building wall shall be considered as wall signs. A wall sign shall be attached parallel to the building face and shall extend out ward perpendicular from the building face a maximum of fourteen inches, except that a sign may be attached to a canopy, marquee or roof that projects beyond the building, provided that no part of such sign extends beyond such roof, canopy or marquee.

**(2) Projected signs.**

A. A projected sign, including the necessary mounting structure, shall project not more than four feet outward from the wall of the structure, shall not exceed ten square feet in size, shall not use a guy-wire or angle-iron type of support structure, unless such structure is erected in the plane of the sign, and shall not extend beyond any dimension of the wall to which it is attached. Projected signs shall be perpendicular to the wall to which they are attached and may be noninternally lighted. Internal lighting of any type shall not be used.

B. No projected sign shall be located less than nine feet above the sidewalk or ground level. No part of a projected sign shall be closer than six feet from the edge of the pavement or curb, whichever is appropriate. Such signs shall be of sturdy construction and shall be erected in such a manner as to protect persons who may pass underneath from possible injury. Wood components, PVC, foam or similar material to emulate wood and ornate looking signs are expressly encouraged. Sign users who place projected signs over the public right of way shall sign a statement, furnished by the Municipality, regarding their sole liability for such a sign. One projected sign is permitted per building, per street frontage. "Credit card" type small projected signs are regulated by this section. Except as permitted in paragraph (a)(2)C. hereof, projected signs are permitted only in the C-2 Central Business/Mixed Use District. Projected signs shall not be co-op signs.

C. One projected sign that displays the name and/or address of the building occupant, meets all of the criteria set forth above and does not exceed one and one-half square feet in size, may be displayed by any use in any zoning district.

**(3) Ground signs.** One ground sign per building per street frontage may be erected where permitted, provided the location, size, height and other characteristics of the sign meet the requirements of this chapter. "Ground sign" includes all on-premises, free-standing signs, regard less of type or nomenclature.

A. Ground signs shall have a brick or stone base with columns extending a minimum 75% up each side of the sign.

B. Ground signs shall be limited to two colors that advertise more than one tenant (background and lettering shall have different colors) and have a matte finish.

C. Non-permanent lettering (changeable copy) shall be limited to 30% of the sign area.

**(4) Window signs.** Window signs shall include temporary and permanent signs, posters, symbols and numerals and/or letters painted directly on, attached directly to and/or located in, near or around windows and oriented to the outside such that they are readable from a public right-of-way or designated driveway of a commercial center. For purposes of this section a window is defined as the glass area enclosed within a frame of not less than sixteen square feet with no horizontal division. No flashing lights or raceways of any kind or type shall be permitted. Permanent window signs shall be limited to one such sign per window and shall not exceed one-fourth of the total area of all the windows in the area, and in no case shall such a sign exceed nine square feet. All window signs shall be limited to ground or first floor windows only. An exception is allowed in the C2 District for a business that does not occupy first-floor space. All other sections of this chapter shall apply to the sign. Businesses operating twenty-four hours each day or businesses operating less than twenty-four hours each day, but which operate after 10:00 p.m., shall arrange all window signs so as to permit a clear, unrestricted line of sight from the street to the inside of the business, such that the principal attendant of the business may be observed at all times.

A. No flashing or animated signs shall be permitted and neon signs shall be limited to identify if a business is open or closed (no advertising).

**(5) Roof signs.** Roof signs are prohibited in all districts, except as permitted previously and now existing as nonconforming users. A roof sign is any sign erected upon the roof of a building or any portion of a sign that is above the roof of the building. The roof line shall be defined as the uppermost line of the roof of the building or, in the case of an extended building facade, the uppermost height of the facade.

**(b) Sign Uses.**

**(1) Permanent residential subdivision identification signage.** "Permanent residential subdivision identification signage" means those signage features specifically relating to the denotation of a major entrance or entrances to a residential subdivision. Such identification shall be limited to wall-mounted signs or graphics only. For example, placement of a brick wall, railroad ties or entrance columns on each side of a street, or on a similar architectural or landscaping entrance feature, may be used. Pole-type signage is hereby prohibited. Entrance signs and features shall be in compliance with Chapter 1258.23 (Perimeter Mounding and Fencing; Trees).

**(2) Joint identification signs.** "Joint identification signs," subject to the following conditions, shall be permitted for two or more combined, permitted uses on the same lot, to include the identification of shopping centers or other building group complexes. A joint identification shall be limited to one wall or ground sign and shall be allowed in addition to other permitted signs and total aggregate sign area. One square foot of sign area is permitted for each two linear feet of street frontage, provided that the total sign area shall not exceed fifty square feet. A second joint identification sign may be permitted if the site fronts two streets, provided the frontage is not less than 250 feet on

either street. However, there shall not be more than one ground sign per street frontage, under any circumstances.

**(3) Off-premises signs.** In addition to those off-premises signs that legally existed in any zoning district at the date of the adoption of this chapter (Ordinance 89-31, passed May 16, 1989) and that are considered to be a nonconforming use, the Planning Commission may permit off-premises signs to be located in the C4 Highway Commercial and the M General Industrial Zoning Districts. The Commission is hereby authorized to establish additional rules for the installation, location and placement of off-premises signs. The following are the minimum criteria for the regulation of off premises signs and are effective without additional action by the Commission:

A. No off-premises sign shall be closer than 1,200 feet to any other off-premises sign in any direction and along either side of any road, street or highway.

B. Each off-premises sign permitted for installation shall be matched with the removal of another off-premises sign of approximately the same size located within the Municipality and removed for the specific purpose of complying.

C. No off-premises sign shall be repaired if the repair cost exceeds fifty percent of the current depreciated value of the sign, without the sign being brought into total compliance with the rules and regulations set by this Code and by the Planning Commission. No off-premises sign structure shall be replaced without the sign being brought into compliance.

D. No off-premises sign shall exceed twenty-five feet in height to the top of the structure or sign face, whichever is higher. No sign face shall exceed 250 square feet. All structures shall be made of metal and shall be of the single-pole variety. Structures made of ferrous metals shall be totally maintained and painted at least once every three years.

E. No off-premises sign shall be used in lieu of an on-premises sign. Advertising messages shall advertise or promote products or inform of services which are available principally at locations other than at the site of the sign.

F. The Planning and Zoning ~~Director~~ Department shall make an inventory of all off premises signs in existence on the effective date of this Code (Ordinance 89-31, passed May 16, 1989). The Planning Commission shall not permit the total number of off-premises signs to exceed the number currently in place within the Municipal limits. No off-premises sign shall be wall-mounted or roof-mounted. No such sign shall be closer to the edge of the pavement of any road, street or highway than the required building set-back line or fifty feet, whichever is farther. No off-premises sign shall be located closer than 600 feet to any residential occupancy, regardless of zoning district.

G. Sign faces shall be kept in good repair, and if poster panels are used, the face of the structure shall be scraped to metal at least once every twelve months. If painted, the paint

shall be renewed at least once every twenty-four months. The area around the base of the sign shall be kept free from debris and rank growth.

H. Off-premises signs located along Federal and State highways shall not be sited so as to necessitate the cutting or removal of any existing trees in order to obtain visibility from the highway. In conformity with this provision, the Planning and Zoning Director Department shall consider the cutting or removal of trees prior to a permit application to disqualify an off-premises site. Subsequent cutting or removal of trees is a violation of this Code.

(4) **Co-op signs.** Co-op signs are permitted in the C1 Neighborhood Commercial District, subject to the schedule of sign regulations, the number and size of signs permitted and the following ratio. Messages regarding products or services that are available principally at other sites shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the total face area of the sign. (Ord. 89-31. Passed 5-16-89; Ord. 91-76. Passed 10-15-91; Ord. 96-55. Passed 8-6-96.)

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**1292.04 TEMPORARY SIGNS FOR WHICH A CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED.**

~~(a) **Temporary Announcements.** Signs regarding announcements of a temporary nature, including those indicating and promoting the development of land, facilities or products, shall conform to the sign requirements of the district where they are located and shall be located on the specific site being promoted.~~

~~(ab) **Development Signs.** Signs indicating and promoting the development of land are permitted, at the discretion of the Planning and Zoning Director Department, ~~subject to the approval of the Planning Commission.~~ The signs shall be limited to 32 square feet, located on the subject property (one sign per lot) outside the site triangle and 5-ft from property line/right-of-way. ~~Upon approval, a permit must be obtained from the Manager or his or her designee for the erection of the signage. An approved zoning certificate is~~ Such a permit is to be effective for a maximum period of twelve months and may be renewed by the Planning and Zoning Department if subject development is not completed. ~~may be renewed at no additional sign fee cost upon a finding by the Commission that such renewal is warranted.~~ Such signs may be located in the public right of way, or on public property, upon the express written consent of the Manager or ~~designee.~~ the Assistant Manager.~~

~~(be) **Special Promotions/Grand Openings/Temporary Announcement Signs.** Signs (banners and pennants) identifying, promoting or advertising grand openings, special sales and/or special occasions shall be erected for a maximum of thirty calendar days. Such signs are~~

permitted in all Commercial and Industrial Districts and in the C2 Central Business/Mixed Use District. The size of the signs shall be limited to 32 square feet. The total time period in which such signs shall be utilized on any lot or site or by any one user is ninety days in one calendar year (the ninety day time period can be divided into three 30-day increments with an approved zoning certificate). Such signs shall not be closer than forty feet from the edge of the street or curb, unless located on the front wall of the structure or building or in a window of the same. All signs shall be located on a building or a permanent structure. At no time are banners or pennants permitted over the right-of-way. (Ord. 89-31. Passed 5-16-89.)

(c) Community Activity Signage – Such activity that is open to the general public and sponsored by a public, private nonprofit or religious organization that is educational, cultural, or recreational in function is permitted signage upon compliance of the following requirements: The signage shall be limited to a fourteen days per event, thirty two square feet and two signs per site. The signage shall not have changeable copy (letters). The subject community activity shall own property in the City or Violet Township to advertise. Such signage may be located off premise within a public right-of-way or on public property with the express written consent of the City Manager or designee. The denial of a zoning certificate for community activity signage may be appealed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(d) Cooperative/Shared Directional Signage – Developers who are actively developing residential or commercial sites within the City may locate signage within a public right-of-way or on public property with the express written consent of the City Manager or designee.

## **PART TWELVE - PLANNING AND ZONING CODE / TITLE EIGHT - Zoning / CHAPTER 1292 Signs / 1292.05 PROHIBITED SIGNS.**

### **1292.05 PROHIBITED SIGNS.**

**(a) Animated Signs.** Flashing lights, blinking lights, laser lights, or animated, signs LED reader board and digital reader boards, except as permitted in this chapter, are prohibited.

**(b) Mobile and Portable Signs; Balloons; Temporary Signs.** Mobile signs, portable signs and advertising balloons are prohibited, except for portable signs within the Olde Downtown Pickerington Village Area as regulated by Section 1292.09 of these Codified Ordinances. ~~Temporary signs used more than thirty days are prohibited.~~

~~**(c) Banners and Pennants.** Banners and pennants are permitted only as provided in Section 1292.04(c). Such signs shall not be attached to light poles or to sign structures that are within twenty five feet of the edge of the street. At no time shall banners be permitted over the road right of way. (Ord. 89-87. Passed 12-5-89; Ord. 2004-18. Passed 5-4-04.)~~

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1292.06 DESIGN AND LOCATION REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Sign Construction/Materials. All signs shall be properly constructed to withstand a wind pressure

of thirty pounds per square foot. All signs shall be built in conformity with the Ohio Basic Building Code. Ground signs require footer inspection by the building department.

(1) Sign Material – The replacement of an existing sign for a new sign shall be constructed of the same or nearly the same material. Any material change shall require comprehensive sign plan approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(b) Location in Public Right of Way. No sign or any part of any sign shall be placed in, over or extend into any public right of way without City Manager or designee approval.; ~~except~~ Exceptions include for publicly owned signs, such as traffic control signs or directional signs, and projected signs, which may be permitted in the C2 District, ~~or issue signs as provided in Section 1292.02 (e).~~

(c) Illuminated Signs.

(1) The level of illumination emitted or reflected from a sign shall not be of an intensity sufficient to constitute a safety hazard to vehicular movement on any street from which the sign may be viewed, as determined by an average person.

(2) Illuminated signs shall be constructed and maintained so that the source of illumination is shielded or otherwise prevented from beaming directly onto adjacent lots or streets.

(d) Safety. All signs shall be properly constructed and maintained to ensure that no safety hazard is created.

(e) Sign Measurement.

(1) Sign areas shall include the face of all the display areas of the sign, including logos, graphics, stripes or combinations of colors and designs that extend the visual effect of the size of the sign, but shall not include the bracing, framing and structural supports of the sign,

unless such supports are made part of the message or face of the sign.

(2) Where a sign has two or more display faces, the area of all faces of the sign shall be included in determining the area of the sign, unless two display faces, joined back-to-back, are parallel to each other and are not more than twenty-four inches apart, or form a V-angle of less than forty-five degrees. For spherical signs, the sphere shall be bisected by an imaginary line through the center of the sphere and the surface area of the half sphere shall be counted as the sign face.

(3) The area of letters, numbers, emblems, logos, stripes or combinations thereof, mounted on a building wall or wall extension, shall be computed by enclosing such a sign with the smallest single continuous perimeter around the letters, numbers or emblems.

(4) For structures and uses having no direct frontage on public roads, as within shopping centers, frontage shall be based upon the actual frontage of the business structure, whether or not it is on a common mall or sidewalk.

**(f) Maximum Number, Height and Area of Signs.** In addition to placement of signs, the height, area and number of permitted signs allowed per use or lot shall be allowed as specifically regulated in the schedule of regulations in Section 1292.07. The height of the sign shall be measured from the established grade, which shall be defined as that point where the grade line intersects the fronting wall of the building. The height of a sign may not be artificially increased beyond the permitted height by placement of signage on earth mounds that are created during site development.

(1) The replacement of an existing sign for a new sign shall encompass the same amount of area or less. Any area increase shall require comprehensive sign plan approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**(g) Colors.** No individual sign shall have more than three colors, including black and white. A registered trademark with multiple colors is permitted to encompass 10% of the sign area. All signs shall have a matte finish.

**(h) Comprehensive Sign Plans.**

(1) In any district, except the AGR District and all Residential Districts, ~~but including major subdivision entrances and nonresidential uses,~~ the owner of the property may submit a comprehensive sign plan which includes all sign uses for the entire site. Where ~~two~~ three or more businesses occupy or will eventually occupy the same building, a comprehensive sign plan is required if the total area of signage per building and for individual businesses advertising requested is greater than fifty square feet.

(2) Prohibited signs shall not be included in the comprehensive sign plan. Off-premises signs and co-op signs are prohibited in comprehensive sign plans. Every sign on the site which is or will be visible from any public street shall be subject to the comprehensive sign plan. After review and approval, the comprehensive plan shall become the sign regulations for the subject site. ~~The Zoning Map for the site shall be noted with the designation " S " following the district name, e.g. C2 S. (Ord. 89-87. Passed 12-5-89.)~~

(3) It is the intent of this chapter to encourage the comprehensive design of signs on any given site. Therefore, the plan will be viewed in its entirety and specific size and location requirements will be determined by the plan and not by the chart set forth in this chapter.

The sign plan would be reviewed based on similar developments in the area pertaining to the number, area and design of signs.

(4) All plans shall be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning ~~Director~~ Department for completeness and attention to detail. The Planning and Zoning ~~Director~~ Department shall submit the plan with ~~his or her~~ their comments to the Planning Commission within fourteen days of receipt, and the Commission shall review it not later than thirty days after receipt at the next scheduled meeting. The Planning and Zoning ~~Director's~~ Department's comments shall be carefully considered by the Commission in its review of the plan. The Commission may approve, modify or reject a plan. ~~A plan may be tabled only with the applicant's approval.~~

(5) Comprehensive sign plans shall include all signs, permanent and temporary, which are proposed for use on the site. Exterior and window signs which are not visible from the public right of way shall be included in such plans for information purposes, but are generally exempt from regulation.--

(6) A comprehensive sign plan shall not include more than three colors per sign, including black and white. A registered trademark with multiple colors is permitted to encompass 10% of the sign area. All signs shall have a matte finish. The owner and/or Planning and Zoning Commission has the authority to restrict the number of colors per tenant and building.

(i) Setbacks. All ground signs shall be set back from the right-of-way line at least five feet and be located outside the site triangle (20-ft x 20-ft).

(j) Sign Materials – Channel letters shall be required with face, trim and return uniformity. The channel letter cabinet shall be located behind the wall and internally illuminated. However, non-channel letter comprehensive sign plans can be considered in circumstances deemed special by staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission (office, industrial uses, etc).

(k) **High-Rise Signs.** Any sign over thirty-five feet in height, regardless of being an on-premises or off-premises use, and regardless of construction type or attachment, is considered a high-rise sign. High-rise signs shall only be considered by the Planning Commission when:

(1) The product or service to be advertised or identified is the principal product or service available on the site.

(2) The site contains a property line of not less than fifty feet in length which is contiguous to an interstate highway right of way. Contiguity may be established where a public street or service road is parallel and contiguous to the interstate highway right of way and where the subject site is contiguous to such street or service road. (Ord. 89-31. Passed 5-16-89; Ord. 2005-72. Passed 9-20-05.)

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**1292.07 SCHEDULE OF SIGN REGULATIONS BY USE.**

District	Total Number of Signs/Max. (sq. ft.)	Sign Type				Sign Area(sq. ft.)	Sign Height (ft.)	Setbac From R.O.W.
		Wall	Ground	Projecting	Window			
<p><u>Rural District.</u> For each lot in an AGR District, on-premises signs are allowed as identified below up maximum of thirty- two square feet of sign area or one square foot for each one linear foot of street frontage, whichever is less.</p>								
AGR	1	NP	NP	NP		1.5		5
	1	HO	HO	HO		2.0		5
	1 per street frontage	ADV				9.0		
		ADV				32		10
<p><u>Residential District.</u> For each lot in a Residential District, one of each of the below identified on-premises signs are allowed except that one PID or TPID sign is allowed per major subdivision entrance.</p>								
Residential	1	NP	NP	NP	**	1.5		5
	1	HO	HO	HO		2.0		5
	1 per entrance	PID*				9.0		5
<p><u>Suburban Office District</u></p>								
O	1	NP	NP	NP		1.5	8	5
	1	ADV				12	8	
			ADV			12	8	10
					ADV	10		
<p><u>Central Business/Mixed Use District.</u> For each lot in the Central Business/Mixed Use District, on-premises signs are allowed as identified below up to a maximum of one NP and HO sign and also promotional sign, of the described types or two promotional signs not to exceed 25 square feet total if lot frontage is greater than 40 feet</p>								
C2	1	NP	NP	NP	NP	1.5		
	1	HO	HO	HO		2.0	15	
				ADV		12	15	
		ADV				12		
<p><u>Neighborhood Commercial District.</u> For each lot in a Neighborhood Commercial District, on-premises signs are allowed as identified below and not more than one promotional sign per street frontage. Co signs are counted as promotional signs</p>								
C1*	1	NP		NP		1.5		
	1 per street frontage 1		ADV			20	15	5
		ADV				12	15	

		CO-OP				12	15	
					ADV	25	5	
<b>Restricted Industrial District.</b> For each lot in a Restricted Industrial District, on-premises signs are allowed as identified below.								
M1*	1	NP	NP	NP		1.5	20	
			ADV			20	15	10
		ADV				15		
					ADV	25		
<b>Community Commercial District; Highway Commercial District.</b> For each lot in a Community Commercial District and a Highway Commercial District, on-premises signs are allowed, and in the Highway Commercial District off-premises signs are also allowed.								
C3* C4*	1	NP	NP	NP	NP	1.5		
	1 per street frontage (per building)		ADV			50	15	5
	1 per business	ADV				16		
					ADV	25		
<b>General Industrial District.</b> For each lot in a General Industrial District, on-premises and off-premises signs are permitted as identified below up to a maximum of 150 square feet of sign area.								
M*	1	NP	NP	NP		1.5		
	1 per street frontage		ADV			50	15	10
	1 per business	ADV			ADV	15		
						25		
Special Uses: Schools Parks	Uses may use signs in accordance with the district in which they are located or:							
Churches		X	X			15	5	10
Public Facilities			X			15	5	10

\* The property owner may submit a comprehensive sign plan for the entire site to the Planning and Zoning Commission and use the plan in lieu of the above tables.

\*\* Where ~~three~~ two or more businesses occupy the same building, a comprehensive sign plan is required if more than fifty square feet total for signs is requested.

NP NAMEPLATE: Signs of a permanent nature, including lettering to indicate only the street number and/or the name of the business service or facility on the premises and lettering that is part of a trademark.

ADV ADVERTISEMENT: Signs including lettering to indicate the street number, the

name and type of business, service or facility on the premises or the name of products which are related to the primary facility or service conducted on the premises. ~~Up to thirty percent of such signs may be made up of lettering which is not permanently attached to the sign structure and which is intended for use as promoting some special event or sale.~~

**HO HOME OCCUPATION IDENTIFICATION:** Permanent advertising signs, including lettering to indicate the street number and the name and/or type of business, service or facility on the premises.

**PID PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:** Permanent development signs located at the entrance to a particular subdivision.

**CO-OP CO-OP:** An on-premises graphic that both identifies and promotes an establishment on the site and promotes a specific product or service that is not the principal product or service available at the site. These are permitted in C-1 districts where no more than twenty-five percent of the total sign face promotes a specific product or service that is not the principal product of the site. (See Section 1292.03(b)(4)) (Ord. 89-31. Passed 5-16-89; Ord. 89-87. Passed 12-5-89.)

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**1292.08 NONCONFORMING SIGNS.**

**(a) Continuance.**

**(1)** The continuance of an existing sign that does not meet the requirements of this chapter shall be deemed a nonconforming sign which shall terminate by abandonment. A sign shall be considered abandoned when:

**A.** The sign is associated with an abandoned use.

**B.** The sign remains after the termination of a business. A business has ceased operations if it is closed to the public for at least ninety consecutive days. Seasonal businesses are exempt from this determination.

**C.** The sign is not maintained or does not conform to the following:

**1.** All signs, together with all supports, braces, guys and anchors, shall be kept in repair and in a proper state of preservation.

2. Every sign and the immediately surrounding premises shall be maintained by the owner or person in charge thereof in a clean, sanitary and inoffensive condition, free and clear of all obnoxious substances, rubbish and weeds.

(2) Abandonment shall be determined by the Manager or his or her designee, based upon the above criteria or at a public hearing or meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Upon a finding that the signage is abandoned, the right to maintain and use such a sign shall terminate immediately.

(3) Physical removal of a sign may be accomplished pursuant to the nuisance abatement ordinance of the Municipality.

**(b) Relocation; Replacement.**

(1) A nonconforming sign shall not be structurally relocated or replaced, unless it is brought into compliance with this chapter. Should any replacement or relocation take place without being brought into compliance, the sign shall be existing illegally.

(2) A nonconforming sign shall be maintained or repaired in accordance with the following: The size and structural shape shall not be changed or altered. The copy may be changed, provided that the change applies to the original nonconforming use associated with the sign and that the change is made by the owner of the sign at the time the sign became nonconforming. The copy shall not be enlarged. Any subsequent owner or user shall bring the sign into compliance within thirty days. If damage occurs to a sign to the extent of fifty percent or more of either the structure or the depreciated value of the sign, the sign shall be brought into compliance. Where damage to the sign is less than fifty percent of the structure or its depreciated value, the sign shall be repaired within sixty days. (Ord. 89-31. Passed 5-16-89.)

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**1292.09 OLDE DOWNTOWN PICKERINGTON VILLAGE AREA PORTABLE  
SIGN  
REGULATIONS.**

(a) (1) For purposes of this chapter, the Olde Downtown Pickerington Village Area shall consist of those properties located within the area being: south of the railroad; north of Park Alley between Hill Road South and East Street; fronting on East Columbus Street between the railroad and East Street; and those properties fronting on the west side of Hill Road North and South, from the railroad to Park Alley.

(2) For purposes of this chapter, “portable (sandwich board) sign” means a sign usually hinged at the top, consisting of two self-supporting, equal panels.

(b) Portable (sandwich board) signs and its supports are permitted in the area described in division (a) above. There is a limit of one such sign per business. The sign shall be located on such business's property or the sidewalk of tree lawn area immediately adjacent to the business's property. There shall be at least forty-eight inches of clear walking space on a sidewalk where a sign is placed.

(c) A portable (sandwich board) sign shall not exceed ~~five and one half feet~~ three feet in height or ~~four~~ two feet in width. The total sign area shall not exceed ~~twelve~~ six square feet. The sign shall be constructed of wood or plastic. Plastic or wood signs shall be ~~brown~~ an earth tone color or white with a textured finish. Changeable copy (letters) are permitted if approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The sign shall only utilize permanent lettering and/or logo. A restaurant business may have a chalkboard area on the sign for editable copy. Such signs shall not have lights attached to the sign, except as approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(d) A portable (sandwich board) sign shall be displayed no earlier than one-half hour before the opening of the business and shall be removed no later than one-half hour after the closing of the business.

(e) A business or organization shall apply to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a portable (sandwich board) sign or have such sign included in a comprehensive sign plan approved by the Commission. Thereafter, the ~~Director of Planning and Zoning Department~~ shall issue a sign permit zoning certificate upon payment of the sign permit appropriate -fee.

(f) ~~Community Activities Non-profit organizations~~ (i.e., schools, Chamber of Commerce, churches, charities, youth sports, non-profits, etc.) upon application and approval as provided in division (e) above, except that the sign permit zoning certificate fee shall not be imposed, may display up to two portable (sandwich board) signs off premises in the area described in this section. Such sign may be displayed continually for a period not to exceed fourteen days.

(g) No sign shall be located in the sight triangle of any intersection. (Ord. 2004-18, passed 5-4-04.)

Appendix IV  
Commercial Design Guidelines

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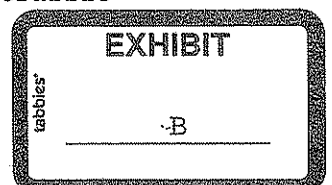
E. Signs shall conform to the applicable sections of the City zoning ordinances and the following guidelines. In the event of conflict in requirements between the zoning ordinances and these guidelines, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall determine applicability.

1. Sign design:

- a. Signs should be ~~be in natural materials such as~~ constructed of wood, PVC, foam or similar material to emulate wood, clay or stone masonry whenever possible.
- b. Stone or brick walls used to designated entrance-ways to sites are encouraged as natural backdrop for signage.
- c. Signs of a rural or traditional character and shape are encouraged.
- d. No individual sign shall have more than three colors. A comprehensive sign plan shall not include more than three colors per tenant, including black and white. A registered trademark with multiple colors is permitted to encompass 10% of the sign area.
- e. Reverse sides of signs shall be unobtrusive and blend with the surroundings.
- f. Signage should be ground mounted monument type. No pole type will be permitted. Wall signs are preferred. (Ord. 2005-72. Passed 9-20-05.)

2. Sign lighting:

- a. If illuminated, signs shall be illuminated only by the following means:
  - (1) By a white steady, stationary light of reasonable intensity, directed solely at the sign and shielded or otherwise prevented from beaming directly onto adjacent properties or streets.
  - (2) By white interior light of reasonable intensity with logos and/or letters lit or silhouetted on an opaque background. No additional background lighting shall be permitted.
- b. The level of illumination emitted or reflected from a sign shall not be of an intensity sufficient to constitute a demonstrable safety hazard to air traffic



or to vehicular traffic on any street from which the sign may be viewed.