

CITY OF LYNNWOOD  
ORDINANCE NO. 2310

City of Lynnwood  
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6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLES 1, 11, 16 AND 21 OF THE  
7 LYNNWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE REGULATIONS OF  
8 SIGNS, AMENDING EXISTING SECTIONS, AND ADDING NEW  
9 SECTIONS.

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12 WHEREAS, the City Council determined that the City's current sign regulations should  
13 be reviewed and directed the Planning Department to conduct such a review; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Community Development Department conducted a comprehensive  
16 review of the City's current sign regulations and received input on sign issues from members of  
17 the Sign Code Technical Advisory Committee; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the Community Development Department, with input from the Planning  
20 Commission, Sign Code Technical Advisory Committee and public, developed amendments to  
21 the City's current sign regulations for Planning Commission consideration; and  
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23 WHEREAS, after proper notice, hearings were held by the Planning Commission to  
24 consider amendments to the official text of the Municipal Code of the City of Lynnwood  
25 concerning sign regulations; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed sign regulation amendments recommended by  
28 the Planning Commission and alternative amendments addressing City Council concerns; and  
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30 WHEREAS, after proper notice, hearings were held by the City Council to consider  
31 amendments to the official text of the Municipal Code of the City of Lynnwood recommended by  
32 the Planning Commission and alternative amendments concerning sign regulations; and  
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34 WHEREAS, after proper notice, hearing was held by the City Council to consider an  
35 ordinance amending the official text of the Municipal Code of the City of Lynnwood concerning  
36 sign regulations.  
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38 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD DO  
39 ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:  
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41 **Section 1. Amendment.** That Section 1.35.180 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby  
42 repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:  
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44 **1.35.180 AMENDMENT OF AN APPROVED PROJECT OR PERMIT**

45 A. **General:** Except as otherwise provided in this section, an amendment of a previously  
46 approved project of permit is treated as a new application for decision using Process I.  
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48 B. Exemption from Administrative Amendment for Conditional Use Permits,  
49 Shoreline Conditional Use Permits, Special Use Permits and Planned Unit Developments.  
50 The following additions and activities to a previously approved project or decision are  
51 exempt from Conditional Use Permits, Special Use Permits, Development Plan Approval and  
52 Planned Unit Development review under this Section unless otherwise required by the City  
53 Code or by the terms of a concomitant agreement which requires review.

- 54 1. Repair without a change in the dimensions or configuration of the structure or sign, or
- 55 2. The addition of minor structural elements and elements such as fences, carports and  
56 mechanical equipment, or
- 57 3. Re-striping of parking or circulation areas, minor adjustments to parking area layout,  
58 provided the total number of stalls does not fall below the minimum or exceed the  
59 maximum number required by the Zoning Code, or
- 60 4. Minor adjustments in building height not to exceed 10 percent in height or minor  
61 adjustments in building location not to exceed 10 feet in any direction provided the  
62 structures do not modify the Zoning Code requirements to any greater extent than any  
63 modifications approved with the original application, or
- 64 5. Reductions in sign size and height and minor increases in freestanding sign, height not to  
65 exceed 10 percent in height or minor adjustments in sign location not to exceed 5 feet in  
66 any direction provided the sign(s) does not modify Zoning Code requirements to any  
67 greater extent than any modifications approved with the original application, or
- 68 6. Reductions in size and minor adjustments in the location of wall signs on any one side of  
69 a building as long as the minor adjustments maintain the design intent or purpose of the  
70 original approval, or
- 71 7. Changes in color, design or in plant material as long as changes maintain the design  
72 intent or purpose of the original approval.

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78 C. Additional Criteria In addition to those additions and activities listed in Subsection B the  
79 Planning Director may determine that a change to a previously approved project or permit is  
80 not subject to administrative amendment review if:

- 81 1. The proposal does not result in any significant impact beyond the site, and
- 82 2. The proposal is outside the purpose of the administrative amendment and  
83 PUD/conditional Use requirements, determined by review of the applicable decision  
84 criteria, and
- 85 3. The proposal does not add more than 300 square feet of new floor area per building, to  
86 the approved building(s).

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91 D. Appeal The decision of the applicable Department Director defining an exemption pursuant  
92 to this Section may be appealed using Process II.

97 E. Administrative Amendment Scope: The following sections contain the procedure that the  
98 City will use in deciding on an Administrative Amendment. A proposed amendment which  
99 the applicable Department Director determines is within the authority of Subsection F will be  
100 decided as an Administrative Amendment unless the applicant has chosen to have the  
101 amendment reviewed as a new application using Process I, LMC 1.35.110 through 1.35.165  
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103 F. Authority for Administrative Amendment: The applicable Department Director shall act on a  
104 proposed Amendment to an approved project or permit, including signs and sign programs,  
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- 106 1. The amendment maintains the design intent or purpose of the original approval, and does  
107 not modify Zoning Code requirements to any greater extent than any modifications  
108 approved with the original application, and  
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- 110 2. The amendment maintains the quality of design or product established by the original  
111 approval, and  
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- 113 3. The amendment does not add more than the following:
  - 114 a. An addition of 20% gross square footage or more than 5,000 square feet for an  
115 existing or approved building, whichever is less, or
  - 116 b. An addition of 5,000 square feet maximum for new structures, and or  
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  - 118 c. An increase of 20% of total existing sign area for freestanding signs, and/or 20%  
119 increase of total existing sign area for wall signs not to exceed maximum allowed by  
120 code, and  
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- 122 4. An addition of up to 1,500 square feet per existing or approved building is automatically  
123 treated as an administrative amendment unless the addition is exempt under Subsection  
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- 126 5. The amendment does not cause a significant adverse environmental impact on or beyond  
127 the site, and  
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- 129 6. The amendment is not precluded by the terms of the City Code or by state law from  
130 being decided administratively.  
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132 **Section 2. Amendment.** That Sections 11.62.010 and 11.62.020 of the Lynnwood Municipal  
133 Code are hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:  
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135 **11.62.010 PURPOSE OF SIGN PROHIBITION ON RIGHT OF WAY**  
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137 The prohibition of signs, except civic banners, portable off-premise real estate open house or  
138 directional signs, political signs and sale of household goods signs on all areas of the public right  
139 of way is hereby declared to be necessary to promote the public health, safety, welfare,  
140 convenience and enjoyment of public travel in the City, to protect the public investment in the  
141 street systems of the City, to promote aesthetic values within the City and to insure that  
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145 information in the specific interest of passing motorists is presented safely and effectively. (Ord.  
146 1960 ss3, 1993)

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148 **11.62.020 SIGNS PROHIBITED ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

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150 All signs of any kind temporarily or permanently placed or fixed on the ground, sidewalk, any  
151 pole, any structure or other device within the full width of the public right of way are prohibited,  
152 except civic banners, portable off premise real estate open house or directional signs, political  
153 signs and sale of household goods signs (see Title 21 (Zoning) for regulations of these signs),  
154 provided directional signs during construction activities or otherwise which are necessary for  
155 convenient and safe travel are allowed upon review and approval of City Public Works  
156 Department.

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158 **Section 3. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.016 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal Code to  
159 read as follows:

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161 **16.16.016 SECTION 208 USC AMENDED "GROUND SIGN" DEFINED**

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163 The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting therefrom  
164 Section 208 defining "Ground Sign" and inserting in its place the following wording:

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166 "Ground sign" means a freestanding sign which is not more than 3.5 feet in height and  
167 permanently placed in the ground.

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169 **Section 4. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.017 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal  
170 Code to read as follows:

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172 **16.16.017 SECTION 210 USC AMENDED - "MARQUEE" DEFINED**

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174 The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting  
175 therefrom Section 210 defining "Marquee" and inserting in its place the following  
176 wording:

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178 "Marquee sign" means a sign placed on, constructed in or attached to a marquee.

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180 **Section 5. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.018 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal  
181 Code to read as follows:

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183 **16.16.018 SECTION 212 USC AMENDED - "POLE SIGN" DEFINED**

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185 The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting  
186 therefrom Section 212 defining "Pole Sign" and inserting in its place the following  
187 wording:

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189 "Pole sign" means any permanent freestanding sign which does not meet the definition of a  
190 ground sign, monument sign, internal information sign or incidental sign.

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192 **Section 6. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.019 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal  
193 Code to read as follows:

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**16.16.019 SECTION 213 USC AMENDED "ROOF SIGN" DEFINED**

The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting therefrom Section 213 defining "Roof Sign" and inserting in its place the following wording:

"Roof sign" means a business sign erected upon or above a roof or a parapet of a building.

**Section 7. Amendment.** That Section 16.16.020 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

**16.16.020 SECTION 214 USC AMENDED - "SIGN" DEFINED**

The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting therefrom Section 214 defining "Sign" and inserting in its place the following working:

~~SIGN is any medium including its structure and component parts, which is used or intended to be used to attract attention to the subject matter for advertising or identification purposes.~~

"Sign" means any structure, device, object or display used to identify, advertise, direct or attract attention to a business, product, service, activity, place, person, institution or event using words, figures, graphics, symbols, fixtures, colors, illumination or projected images, for example balloons with or without letters or pictorial figures on them.

(Ord. 1900 ss3, 1992: Ord. 1538 ss2, 1986: Ord. 1383 ss2, 1983).

**Section 8. Amendment.** That Section 16.16.030 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

**16.16.030 SECTION 217 USC AMENDED - "WALL SIGN" DEFINED**

The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting therefrom Section 217 defining "Wall Sign" and inserting in its place the following wording:

~~WALL SIGN is any sign painted on, or attached to, or erected against the wall of a building or structure, with the exposed face of the sign in a plane parallel to the plane of said wall.~~

"Wall sign" means any business sign painted on, or attached directly to and supported by a wall of a building or structure with the exposed face of the sign generally parallel to the wall.

**Section 9. Amendment.** That Section 16.16.060 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

**16.16.060 SECTION 305 USC AMENDED - MAINTENANCE**

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The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting therefrom Section 305, entitled "Maintenance" and inserting in its place the following wording:

305. MAINTENANCE. All signs and sign support structures together with all their supports, braces, guys and anchors, shall be kept in repair and in proper state of preservation. All signs shall be kept in good repair and maintained in a safe condition and any damage or deterioration including but not limited to missing sign faces, cabinet covers and sign components; damaged structural elements; and rust or peeling paint shall be repaired. The display surface of all signs shall be kept neatly painted or posted at all times. Presently existing signs ~~not in conformity with the Code as amended may be maintained in their present condition unless hazardous, but~~ may not be altered or re-erected unless in conformity with this Code and Title 21. Damaged or deteriorated signs shall be repaired within 30 days of notification by the City.

Section 10. New Section. A new Section 16.16.071 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal Code to read as follows:

**16.16.071 SUBSECTIONS 403(e) AND (f) USC AMENDED - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTION AND CLEARANCE; PROJECTION OVER ALLEYS, CLEARANCE FROM STREETS**

The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting therefrom Subsections 403(e) entitled "Design and Construction Projection and Clearance Projection Over Alleys" and 403(f) entitled "Clearance from Streets," and inserting in its place the following wording:

Sec. 403. (e) **Projection over Alleys.** Signs or sign structures shall not project into a public alley ~~below a height of 14 feet above grade, nor project more than 12 inches when the sign structure is located 14 feet to 16 feet above grade. The sign or sign structure may project not more than 36 inches into a public alley when the sign or sign structure is located more than 16 feet above grade.~~

(f) **Clearance from Streets.** Signs shall ~~not project within 2 feet of the curb line~~ conform to the setbacks from streets set forth in LMC Chapter 21.16.

Section 11. New Section. A new Section 16.16.072 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal Code to read as follows:

**16.16.072 CHAPTER 5 USC DELETED - FIN SIGNS**

The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this chapter is amended by deleting therefrom Chapter 5 entitled "Fin Signs."

Section 12. New Section. A new Section 16.16.074 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal Code to read as follows:

**16.16.074 SECTION 602 USC AMENDED - POLE SIGNS DESIGN**

292 The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting  
293 therefrom Section 602 entitled "Pole Signs Design," and inserting in its place the following  
294 wording:

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296 Sec. 602. Supports for pole signs shall be placed upon private property and shall be  
297 securely built, constructed and erected to conform with requirements specific in Chapter 4  
298 and LMC Chapter 21.16.

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300 **Section 13. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.076 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal  
301 Code to read as follows:

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303 **16.16.076 SECTION 603 USC AMENDED - POLE SIGNS PROJECTION AND**  
304 **CLEARANCE**

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306 The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting  
307 therefrom Section 603 entitled "Pole Signs Projection and Clearance" and inserting in its  
308 place the following wording:

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310 Sec. 603. Projection of pole signs shall conform to the requirements of Section 403 and  
311 LMC Chapter 21.16.

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313 **Section 14. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.078 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal  
314 Code to read as follows:

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316 **16.16.078 SECTION 701 USC AMENDED - GROUND SIGNS GENERAL**

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318 The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting  
319 therefrom Section 701 entitled "Ground Signs General" and inserting in its place the  
320 following wording:

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322 Sec. 701. Ground signs may be constructed of materials meeting the requirements of this  
323 code, except as provided in Chapter 4 and LMC Chapter 21.16.

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325 **Section 15. Amendment.** That Section 16.16.080 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is  
326 hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

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328 **16.16.080 SECTION 702 USC AMENDED - GROUND SIGNS DESIGN**

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330 The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting  
331 therefrom Section 702, entitled "Ground Sign Design" and inserting in its place the  
332 following wording:

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334 702. GROUND SIGN DESIGN. Ground signs should be designed in accordance with the  
335 requirements specified in Chapter 4 and LMC Chapter 21.16. Ground signs may be  
336 constructed of combustible material.

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338 **Section 16. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.081 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal  
339 Code to read as follows:

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341 **16.16.081 SECTION 703 USC AMENDED - GROUND SIGNS PROJECTION**

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343 The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting  
344 therefrom Section 703 entitled "Ground Signs Projection" and inserting in its place the  
345 following wording:

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347 Sec. 703. Ground signs shall not project ~~over public property~~ or beyond the legal setback  
348 per LMC Chapter 21.16.

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350 **Section 17. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.082 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal  
351 Code to read as follows:

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353 **16.16.082 SECTION 802 USC AMENDED - ROOF SIGNS DESIGN**

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355 **Sec. 802.** Roof signs shall be thoroughly secured and anchored to the frame of the building over  
356 which they are constructed and erected and shall be designed in accordance with the requirements  
357 specified in Chapter 4 and LMC Chapter 21.16.

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359 **Section 18. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.083 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal  
360 Code to read as follows:

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362 **16.16.083 SUBSECTION 803(a) USC AMENDED - ROOF SIGNS PROJECTION**  
363 **AND CLEARANCE, PROJECTION**

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365 The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting  
366 therefrom Subsection 803(a) entitled "Roof Signs Projection and Clearance, Projection"  
367 and inserting in its place the following wording:

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369 **Sec. 803. (a) Projection.** Roof signs may not project ~~over public property~~ or beyond a the  
370 legal setback line complying with the requirements specified in Section 403 and LMC  
371 Chapter 21.16.

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373 **Section 19. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.084 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal  
374 Code to read as follows:

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376 **16.16.084 SECTION 902 USC AMENDED - WALL SIGNS DESIGN**

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378 The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting  
379 therefrom Section 902 entitled "Wall Signs Design" and inserting in its place the following  
380 wording:

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382 Sec. 902. Wall signs shall be designed in conformance with the requirements specified in  
383 Chapter 4 and LMC Chapter 21.16.

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385 **Section 20. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.085 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal  
386 Code to read as follows:

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388 **16.16.085 SUBSECTIONS 903(a) AND (b) USC AMENDED - WALL SIGNS**  
389 **PROJECTION AND CLEARANCE, PROJECTION, THICKNESS**



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The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting therefrom Subsection 903(a) entitled "Wall Signs Projection and Clearance Projection" and Subsection 903(b) entitled "Thickness" and inserting in its place the following wording:

**Sec. 903. (a) Projection.** Wall signs shall not project over public property ~~or beyond a legal setback line greater than the distances specified in Section 403 nor shall they extend above an adjacent parapet or roof of the supporting building.~~

~~(b) Thickness. The thickness of that portion of a wall sign which projects over public property or a legal setback line shall not exceed the maximum as set forth in Table No. 4-C.~~

**Section 21. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.086 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal Code to read as follows:

**16.16.086 SECTION 1002 USC AMENDED - PROJECTING SIGNS DESIGN**

The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting therefrom Section 1002 entitled "Projecting Signs Design" and inserting in its place the following wording:

**Sec. 1002.** Projecting signs shall be designed in accordance with the requirements specified in Chapter 4 and LMC Chapter 21.16.

**Section 22. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.087 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal Code to read as follows:

**16.16.087 SUBSECTION 1003(a) USC AMENDED - PROJECTING SIGNS PROJECTION AND CLEARANCE, PROJECTION**

The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting therefrom Subsection 1003(a) entitled "Projecting Signs Projection and Clearance, Projection" and inserting in its place the following wording:

**Sec. 1003. (a) Projection.** Signs may not project over public property ~~or a legal setback line a distance determined by the clearance of the bottoms thereof above the level of the sidewalk or grade immediately below, as set forth in Section 403 and Table No. 4-B.~~

~~(b) Thickness. The thickness of a projecting sign exclusive of letters and trim shall not exceed that set forth in Table No. 4-C.~~

**Section 23. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.088 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal Code to read as follows:

The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting therefrom Section 1101 entitled "Combination Signs General" and inserting in its place the following wording:

438 **Sec. 1101.** Combination signs shall be constructed of noncombustible materials, except as  
439 specified in Chapter 4 and LMC Chapter 21.16.  
440 The individual requirements of roof, projecting and pole signs shall each be applied to  
441 combination signs incorporating any or all of the requirements specified in this chapter and LMC  
442 Chapter 21.16.  
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444 **Section 24. New Section.** A new Section 16.16.089 is added to the Lynnwood Municipal  
445 Code to read as follows:  
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447 **16.16.089 SECTION 1102 USC AMENDED - COMBINATION SIGNS DESIGN;**  
448 **SUBSECTION 1103(a) PROJECTION AND CLEARANCE, PROJECTION; AND**  
449 **SUBSECTION 1103(b) PROJECTION AND CLEARANCE, THICKNESS**  
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451 The edition of the Uniform Sign Code adopted by this Chapter is amended by deleting  
452 therefrom Section 1102 entitled "Combination Signs Design;" Subsection 1103(a) entitled  
453 "Projection and Clearance, Projection;" and Subsection 1103(b) entitled "Projection and  
454 Clearance, Thickness" and inserting in its place the following wording:  
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456 **Sec. 1102.** Supports for combination signs shall be placed in or upon private property and shall  
457 be securely built, constructed and erected to conform with the requirements specified in Chapter  
458 4 and LMC Chapter 21.16.  
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460 **Sec. 1103. (a) Projection.** Combination signs may not project over public property or beyond a  
461 legal setback line as specified in ~~Section 403~~ LMC Chapter 21.16.

462 ~~(b) Thickness. The thickness of that portion of a combination sign which projects over public~~  
463 ~~property shall not exceed the maximum set forth in Table No. 4-C.~~  
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465 **Section 25. Repealer.** Existing definitions 21.02.540 (Outdoor Advertising Display), 21.02.545  
466 (Outdoor Advertising Structure), and 21.02.680 (Self-Illuminated Sign) of the Lynnwood  
467 Municipal Code are hereby repealed.  
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469 **Section 26. New Definitions.** New definitions are added to Chapter 21.02 of the Lynnwood  
470 Municipal to read as follows:  
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472 **21.02.333 Festoon**  
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474 "Festoon" means a string of ribbons, tinsel, small flags or other decorations hanging  
475 between two or more points.  
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477 **21.02.515 Mural, Decorative**  
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479 "Decorative mural" means any mural painted or otherwise placed on a building or  
480 structure that does not display any commercial messages, logos, or graphics or specific  
481 colors identified with a particular business, product or service.  
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483 **21.02.589 Public Entrance, Primary**  
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485 "Primary public entrance" means any building entrance with glass store front doors, doors  
486 with windows or garage doors for auto related businesses that allows the public to enter  
487 the building. Primary public entrances do not include drive-up windows, exit doors,  
488 employee only doors, or doors used mainly for loading and delivery.  
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490 **21.02.670 Sign, Banner**

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492 "Banner sign" means any business or commercial message, or commercial logo or graphic  
493 displayed on a non-rigid material that is held in place at both ends.  
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495 **21.02.674 Sign, Construction**

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497 "Construction sign" means a temporary sign identifying a construction project, architects,  
498 engineers, contractors, subcontractors, lenders or other persons or businesses directly  
499 participating in construction on the property where the sign is located.  
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501 **21.02.676 Sign, Electronic Changing Message**

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503 "Electronic changing message sign" means a sign whose alphabetic, graphic or symbolic  
504 information can be changed or altered electronically.  
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506 **21.02.678 Sign, Face**

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508 "Sign face" means the area of a sign on which graphics, letters, figures, symbols, logos or  
509 letters are placed.  
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511 **21.02.685 Sign, Incidental**

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513 "Incidental sign" means a small non-internally illuminated sign (no more than four (4) sq.  
514 ft. in area per side) displaying only directions, instructions or information; for example,  
515 entrance and towing signs.  
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517 **21.02.687 Sign, Individual Letter**

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519 "Individual letter sign" means a sign composed of individual letters, numbers and/or  
520 graphic elements either back lit or internally or externally illuminated that are attached  
521 directly to a building wall and are not joined together by any part of the display surface of  
522 the sign. The individual letters, numbers or graphic elements may be joined together by a  
523 narrow structural support of a color that matches the background material.  
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525 **21.02.689 Sign, Institution Identification**

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527 "Institution identification sign" means a permanent sign used to identify a particular  
528 institution such as a school or church.  
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530 **21.02.690 Sign, Internal Information**

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532 "Internal information sign" means a freestanding or wall sign that identifies individual  
533 businesses in a multi-tenant business site that is oriented internally for use by the public  
534 after entering the business site. Such signs may also be used to display menu items, prices  
535 or other information.

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537 **21.02.692 Sign, Non-Conforming**

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539 "Non-conforming sign" means a sign erected legally, but does not comply with current or  
540 subsequently adopted sign and zoning regulations and standards.

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542 **21.02.695 Sign, Monument**

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544 "Monument sign" means any permanent freestanding sign that is higher than 3.5 feet, at  
545 least ten (10) feet and no more than thirty-five (35) feet from street right-of-way and is  
546 supported by a base that is at least three (3) feet wide or 50 percent of length of the sign  
547 face, whichever is greater.

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549 **21.02.697 Sign, Mural**

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551 "Mural sign" means any mural painted or otherwise placed on a building or structure that  
552 includes any commercial message, logo, any graphics or color specifically identified with  
553 a particular business, product or service.

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555 **21.02.698 Sign, Off-Premise**

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557 "Off-premise sign" means any sign that identifies or advertises any business, product,  
558 person, service, commercial activity, or rental, lease or sale of property that does not occur  
559 or take place on the property where the sign is located. This definition is not intended to  
560 distinguish between commercial and non-commercial messages.

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562 **21.02.700 Sign, On-Premise**

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564 "On-premise sign" means any sign that identifies or advertises any business, product,  
565 person, service, commercial activity, or rental, lease or sale of property that occurs or  
566 takes place at the site where the sign is located and advertises or displays information  
567 incidental to a lawful use of the site where the sign is located.

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569 **21.02.704 Sign, Political**

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571 "Political sign" means a temporary sign that identifies or advertises a candidate(s) for  
572 public elective office, a political party or promotes a position on a public or ballot issue in  
573 connection with a local, regional, state or national election or referendum or displays any  
574 political message.

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576 **21.02.705 Sign, Portable**

577

578 "Portable sign" means a sign designed to be moved easily and not fastened to a building,  
579 structure, fence or utility pole. This definition does not include signs attached to vehicles,  
580 bicycles or trailers.

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582 **21.02.708 Sign, Readerboard**

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584 "Readerboard sign" means a sign designed to be moved easily and has a display surface  
585 designed to allow letters, messages or graphics to be easily changed manually or  
586 electronically.

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588 **21.02.713 Sign, Residential Development Identification**

589

590 "Residential development identification sign" means a permanent sign used to identify a  
591 residential development such as a particular subdivision or apartment complex.

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593 **21.02.710 Sign, Real Estate**

594

595 "Real estate sign" means a temporary sign identifying or advertising residential and non-  
596 residential real estate for rent, lease or sale.

597

598 **21.02.711 Sign, Real Estate Open House or Directional**

599

600 "Real estate open house or directional sign" means a portable sign used to invite and  
601 provide directions to the public to visit a particular property for rent, lease or sale.

602

603 **21.02.716 Sign, Sale of Household Goods**

604

605 "Household goods sale sign" means a temporary sign advertising the non-commercial sale  
606 of items common to a household, for example yard and garage sale signs.

607

608 **Section 27. Amendment.** That definitions 21.02.358, 21.02.665, 21.02.667, 21.02.670,  
609 21.02.672, 21.02.673, 21.02.676, 21.02.677, 21.02.678, 21.02.679, 21.02.682 and  
610 21.02.683 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code are hereby repealed, revised and amended to  
611 read as follows:

612

613 **21.02.358 Frontage, Building**

614

615 "Building frontage" means the length of the building facade which contains a primary  
616 public ~~access~~ entrance or is oriented toward a public street, ~~e.~~ Entrances not considered  
617 primary public ~~access~~ entrances include but are not limited to doors, used mainly for  
618 loading or delivery, emergency ~~escapes~~ exits or employee entrances. For the purpose of  
619 locating and sizing wall signs, the length of business tenant spaces in multi-story buildings  
620 oriented toward a public street or located on the same side of the building with a primary  
621 public entrance would be considered building frontage.

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623 **21.02.665 Sign, Advertising**

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625 "Advertising ~~s~~Sign" means any sign, structure, or device, object or display used that is  
626 intended for advertising purposes or on which letters, figures or pictorial matter are, or are  
627 intended to be, displayed for advertising purposes other than identify, advertise, direct or  
628 attract attention to a business, product, service, activity, place, person, institution or event  
629 using words, figures, graphics, symbols, fixtures, colors, illumination or projected images,  
630 for example balloons with or without letters or pictorial figures on them, the premises on  
631 which the sign is located or the occupant of said premises, or signs related to goods or  
632 services manufactured, produced or available on such premises. The term shall not be  
633 held to include signs which are otherwise defined as a business sign by Section 21.02.670.  
634 This definition shall also not be held to include a real estate sign advertising the sale or  
635 rental of the property upon which it stands.  
636

637 **21.02.667 Sign, Awning**

638

639 "Awning sign" means any business sign erected upon or against a non-rigid awning. ~~The~~  
640 ~~term shall also mean the entire area of any non-rigid awning which projects less than 3 feet~~  
641 ~~from a building and which has graphics on it.~~ An awning sign is not a wall sign.  
642

643 **21.02.6702 Sign, Business**

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645 "Business sign" means any sign, structure or device that identifies or advertises the  
646 premises on which the sign is located, or the occupant of said premises, or signs relating to  
647 goods or services manufactured, produced or available on such the premises where such  
648 sign is located. Residential signs are not considered business signs. "Business Sign"  
649 means any device designed to attract attention to the premises including, but not limited to,  
650 balloons with or without letters or pictorial figures on them, spotlights and searchlights.  
651 This definition shall include said sign, structure, or device when located in a developed  
652 access easement to said premises.  
653

654 **21.02.67280 Sign, Freestanding**

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656 "Freestanding sign" means a ~~business~~ sign wholly supported by a sign structure vertical  
657 elements permanently placed in the ground and not attached to any building or structure  
658

659 **21.02.67382 Sign, Ground**

660

661 "Ground sign" means a freestanding ~~business~~ sign which is not more than ~~3-1/2~~ 3.5 feet in  
662 height and not more than 25 square feet in area, per side and permanently placed in the  
663 ground.  
664

665 **21.02.67694 Sign, Marquee**

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667 "Marquee sign" means a ~~business~~ sign placed on, constructed in or attached to a marquee.

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669 21.02.67702 Sign, Pole

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671 "Pole sign" means any permanent freestanding business sign which does not meet the  
672 definition of a ground sign, monument sign, internal information sign or incidental sign.

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674 21.02.67807 Sign, Projecting

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676 "Projecting sign" means a business sign other than a wall sign which projects from and is  
677 supported by a wall of a building or structure

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679 21.02.67915 Sign, Roof

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681 "Roof sign" means a business sign erected upon or above a roof or a parapet of a building  
682 or structure.

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684 21.02.682718 Sign, Wall

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686 "Wall sign" means any business sign painted on, or attached directly to and supported by a  
687 wall of a building or structure with the exposed face of the sign on a plane generally  
688 parallel to the wall.

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690 21.02.683720 Sign Area

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692 "Sign area" means the maximum visible display surface of the sign which may be viewed  
693 at one time, including those areas enclosed or substantially enclosed by the display. Only  
694 one side of a sign with display surface on both sides is counted as sign area; however, both  
695 sides of a "V" type sign with display surface are counted as sign area. Sign supported  
696 structures, frames and graphic design elements not part of the display surface shall not be  
697 included in the calculation of sign area. Any graphic or lighting device such as neon  
698 tubing used to accent or highlight the sign display surface, support structure, frame or  
699 lettering shall be included in the calculation of sign area. See Figure 1 of Chapter 21.16  
700 for examples and explanation of how sign area is calculated.

701

702 **Section 28. Amendment.** That definition Section numbers 21.02.515, 21.02.684,  
703 21.02.685, 21.02.686, 21.02.687, 21.02.688, 21.02.689, 21.02.690, 21.02.695, 21.02.700,  
704 21.02.705, 21.02.710, 21.02.715, 21.02.720, 21.02.725, 21.02.730, 21.02.735, 21.02.740  
705 and 21.02.745 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code are hereby repealed, revised and  
706 amended to read as follows:

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708 21.02.515~~8~~

709 21.02.684~~7~~22

710 21.02.685~~7~~23

711 21.02.686~~7~~25

712 21.02.687~~7~~26

713 21.02.688~~7~~28

714 21.02.~~680~~730  
715 21.02.~~690~~731  
716 21.02.~~695~~733  
717 21.02.~~700~~735  
718 21.02.~~705~~737  
719 21.02.~~710~~738  
720 21.02.~~715~~740  
721 21.02.~~720~~741  
722 21.02.~~730~~743  
723 21.02.~~737~~745  
724 21.02.~~740~~746  
725 21.02.~~745~~748

726  
727 **Section 29. Amendment.** That Section 21.10.400 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is  
728 hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:  
729

730 **21.20.400 VISION OBSTRUCTION BY SIGNS ALONG PUBLIC STREETS**

731  
732 The legal setback for signs ~~along public streets shall be the same as the legal setback for~~  
733 ~~buildings, except where otherwise specified~~ comply with the sign regulations of Chapter  
734 21.16. This limitation does not apply to signs established or required by a public agency  
735 to service a public purpose.  
736

737 **Section 30. Amendment.** That Section 21.04.015(B) of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is  
738 hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:  
739

740 **B. Sign Regulations**

741  
742 See Section 21.16.050 for purpose of sign regulations.  
743

744 ~~The control of signs in areas adjacent to city streets and roadways is hereby declared to be~~  
745 ~~necessary to promote the public health, safety, welfare, convenience, and enjoyment of public~~  
746 ~~travel in the city, to protect the public investment in the street system of the city, to promote~~  
747 ~~aesthetic values within the city, and to insure that information in the specific interest of passing~~  
748 ~~motorists is presented safely and effectively.~~  
749 ~~(Ord. 2020 ss3 [part], 1994; Ord. 1575 ss1, 1987; Ord. 1453 ss1, 1985).~~  
750

751 **Section 31. Repealer.** Existing Sections 21.04.410 (Political Signs) and 21.04.420 (Banners) of  
752 the Lynnwood Municipal Code are hereby repealed.  
753

754 **Section 32. Amendment.** That Section 21.12.200(c) of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby  
755 repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:  
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757 **21.12.200 NONCONFORMING USES**

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759 **C. Alteration or Improvement of Non Conforming Structures & Sites**

760  
761 No existing non conforming structure or site as described in Section 21.12.400 occupied by a  
762 non conforming use as defined in Section 21.12.200 shall be altered or improvements made



763 to it, except at such time the use is changed to a use permitted in the zone where the structure  
764 or site occurs. Such changes of use and improvements may be made if the following  
765 provisions are met:  
766

- 767 1. If the value of improvements to the structure within 36 consecutive months where a non  
768 conforming-to-conforming change-of-use is to occur does not exceed 10 percent of the  
769 assessed or appraised value of the structure, whichever is greater, then the following shall  
770 apply:  
771
- 772 a. No increase in floor area or dwelling units is permitted.
  - 773 b. Interior remodels or exterior alterations such as canopies, terraces, roof overhangs, or  
774 covers over walkways that do not increase floor area are permitted. Such exterior  
775 alterations which extend into required setback yards shall not project beyond the  
776 property line; and in no case shall project more than six feet from the subject  
777 structure, or extend toward a public street or more restrictive zone more than 50  
778 percent of the required setback.
  - 779 c. Height of the existing building may not be further increased beyond the height  
780 limitation in the respective zone.
  - 781 d. 100 percent of parking requirement shall be provided. Pre-existing paved stalls and  
782 aisles striped at 90 percent of current dimensional standards may be counted as  
783 required parking.
  - 784 e. All parking including pre-existing paved and striped stalls shall meet current  
785 landscaping requirements specified in the respective zone.
  - 786 f. All required site-screening and fencing and refuse and recycling collection areas  
787 shall be provided. However, if the available width, due to the location of an existing  
788 building, fire lane, service lane, or paved parking is less than the required width of  
789 the site-screening, the available space must be site-screened by a fence on the  
790 property line and, if possible, by mixed trees, shrubs, and low plantings (one row of  
791 evergreen conifer trees, 10 feet on center, minimum six feet tall, with ground cover)  
792 or Sitescreening evergreen hedge (spacing to be such that plants will form a dense  
793 hedge within five years, minimum plant height shall be four feet) landscaping.
  - 794 g. At least 50 percent of the front yard shall be landscaped per Section 21.50.210, and  
795 meet street frontage landscaping plans per Chapter 21.06 if they apply.
  - 796 h. All signs shall ~~meet current standards~~ conform to the sign regulations of Chapter  
797 21.16, except if those allowed to remain pursuant to State law.  
798
- 799 2. If the value of improvements to a non conforming structure within 36 consecutive  
800 months where a non conforming to conforming change of use is to occur is greater than  
801 10% of the assessed or appraised value of the structure, whichever is greater, then such  
802 improvements shall be subject to the following provisions:  
803
- 804 a. In nonresidential and multiple family zones all improvements, existing structures,  
805 accessory buildings, signs, etc., shall conform to all development standards in the  
806 respective zone.
  - 807 b. In single family zones the principal building containing one dwelling unit may  
808 remain at present setbacks, but all improvements and accessory buildings shall  
809 conform to all development standards of the zone.  
810

811 **Section 33. Amendment.** That Subsections 21.12.400(B)(2) and (C)(2) of the Lynnwood  
812 Municipal Code are hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:  
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818 **21.12.400 NON CONFORMING STRUCTURES AND/OR SITES OCCUPIED BY A**  
819 **CONFORMING USE**

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821 **B. Level 2 Improvements**

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823 **2. Requirements**

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825 Level 2 Improvements shall be permitted subject to the following provisions:

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827 a. For all multiple family and nonresidential sites, any addition that increases the floor area shall  
828 conform to all required setbacks of the respective zone and be structurally independent, i.e.,  
829 the nonconformity could be removed and the addition could stand on its own and meet all  
830 applicable development standards within the respective zone.

831

832 b. For single family sites, any addition that increases the floor area shall not extend into  
833 required yards further than the leading edge of the non conforming building except, (i) in no  
834 case shall any addition extend closer than 5 feet to the property line, and (ii) along public  
835 streets, the addition shall conform to the required setback.

836

837 c. Interior and exterior improvements such as canopies, terraces, roof overhangs, or covers over  
838 walkways, that do not increase floor area are permitted. Such exterior improvements which  
839 extend into required setback yards shall not project more than six feet from the structure; and  
840 in no case shall be located any closer to a property boundary than the leading edge of the non  
841 conforming building, or extend toward a public street or more restrictive zone more than 50%  
842 of the required setback.

843

844 d. The lot coverage, floor area ratio (FAR), or height of the existing building and proposed  
845 additions may not be further increased beyond the specified lot coverage, floor area ratio, or  
846 height limitation in the respective zone.

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848 e. If the site has fewer than 100% of the current required number of parking stalls, then plans  
849 shall provide for the installation of sufficient parking equal to 100% of the current required  
850 parking capacity including any additional floor area as determined by Section 21.18.800; pre-  
851 existing stalls, if paved and striped and of aisle and stall width equal to at least 90% of the  
852 current dimensional standards specified in Section 21.18.700 of the Lynnwood Municipal  
853 Code, may be considered as part of the required parking. All parking surfaces including  
854 previously paved and/or unpaved areas shall be fully landscaped and shall conform to current  
855 standards for landscaping within parking lots. The ten foot street frontage landscape  
856 requirement may be reduced to the average width of street frontage landscaping on adjacent  
857 private properties. However, in no case may less than five feet be provided on the private  
858 property to be developed. Adjacent undeveloped non-single family zoned property and  
859 adjacent undeveloped or developed single family zoned property shall be counted at the full  
860 ten feet for purposes of calculating the average.

861

862 f. All required site-screening, fencing and refuse and recycling collection areas shall be  
863 provided. However, if the available width, due to the location of an existing building, fire  
864 lane, service lane for loading and unloading, or paved parking is less than the required width

859 of the site-screening, the available space must be site-screened by a fence on the property line  
860 and, if possible, within the available area, by a hedge or a single row of trees.

- 861 g. All signs shall ~~be located according to current setback and sign area standards~~ conform to the  
862 sign regulations of Chapter 21.16, except ~~if~~ those allowed to remain pursuant to State law.

### 863 **C. Level 3 Improvements**

#### 864 **2. Requirements**

865 Level 3 Improvements shall be permitted subject to the following provisions:

- 866 a. All improvements, existing structures, accessory buildings, ~~signs~~ ~~locations~~, ~~sign area~~, parking  
867 facilities, landscaping, site screening, and storage yards shall conform to required setback and  
868 all other development standards for the use within the respective zone and this title. Existing  
869 structures in residential zones may remain at present setbacks, but all additions or  
870 improvements thereto shall conform to the required setbacks and all other development  
871 standards. See Chapter 21.16 for sign regulations.

872 (Ord. 2020 ss7 [part], 1994: Ord 1911 ss3, 1992: Ord. 1770 ss2, ss3, ss4, ss5, ss6, ss7, ss8, ss9,  
873 ss10, 1990: Ord. 1618 ss6, 1988: Ord. 1431 ss1, 1984: Ord. 1186 ss1 [part], 1981).

874 **Section 34. Amendment.** That Subsection 21.42.300(H) of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is  
875 hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

#### 876 **21.42.300 HOME OCCUPATIONS**

##### 877 **H. Signs**

878 Any ~~signage of a home occupation sign~~ must meet the ~~requirements of the residential sign code,~~  
879 ~~LMC 21.42.500 regulations in Section 21.16.290.~~

880 (Ord. 2020 ss17 [part], 1994: Ord. 1891 ss1, 1992: Ord. 1889 ss3, 1992: Ord. 1757 ss1, 1990:  
881 Ord. 1607 ss11, 1987: Ord. 1389 ss2, 1984).

882 **Section 35. Amendment.** That Section 21.42.500 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby  
883 repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

#### 884 **21.42.500 SIGNS**

885 See Section 21.16.290 for sign regulations in residential zones.

##### 886 **A. Occupant Identification Sign**

887 ~~A sign identifying the occupants of a residence on which premises the sign is located, providing:~~

- 888 ~~1. There shall not be more than one sign per dwelling unit;~~  
889 ~~2. The maximum size of the sign shall be two square feet for a sign placed flat against the wall~~  
890 ~~of a building, or one square foot and not more than 42 inches high for a freestanding sign;~~  
891 ~~3. Freestanding signs shall be permanently installed and shall be setback a minimum of five feet~~  
892 ~~from a right-of-way;~~

- 908 ~~4. There shall be no internal illumination of, nor external illumination directed at the sign; and~~  
909 ~~5. The components of the sign shall not be temporary or removable.~~

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911 **~~B. Restrictions or Danger in Use of Premises~~**

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913 ~~Signs no larger than two square feet referring to the restrictions or danger in use of premises on~~  
914 ~~which the sign is located, including but not limited to, "No Trespassing", "Beware of Dog",~~  
915 ~~and "Electrified Fence" signs.~~

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917 **~~C. On-Site Sale of Household Goods~~**

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919 ~~Signs advertising sale of household goods on the premises on which such signs are located,~~  
920 ~~providing such signs:~~

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- 922 ~~1. Do not exceed four square feet in area;~~  
923 ~~2. Are attached to a wall or mounted in the ground so as to prevent such signs from becoming a~~  
924 ~~hazard to pedestrians or motorists; and~~  
925 ~~3. Are removed within one week of installation.~~

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927 **~~D. Real Estate Signs~~**

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929 ~~Signs advertising the sale or rental of the premises on which such signs are located, providing~~  
930 ~~such signs:~~

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- 933 ~~1. Do not exceed 10 sq. ft. per sign for individual developed single family lots;~~  
934 ~~2. Do not exceed 35 sq. ft. in area per sign for the following: tracts of undeveloped land; tracts~~  
935 ~~of partially developed land which may be developed at a higher density; and subdivisions;~~  
936 ~~and~~  
937 ~~3. Are attached to a wall or mounted in the ground so as to prevent such signs from becoming a~~  
938 ~~hazard to pedestrians or motorists.~~

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940 ~~The above described signs do not require a sign permit, but this exemption shall not be construed~~  
941 ~~as relieving the owner of the sign from the responsibility for its erection and maintenance in~~  
942 ~~conformance with this section.~~

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944 **~~E. Residential Development or Institutional Identification Signs~~**

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946 ~~Ground Signs which identify residential developments or institutional uses which are allowed~~  
947 ~~outright or by conditional use permit are permitted. Such signs shall be located within the~~  
948 ~~development or site so identified and shall comply with the following:~~

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- 950 ~~1. Are located five or more feet from the right of way;~~  
951 ~~2. Do not exceed one per street entrance;~~  
952 ~~3. Are so located as to minimize interference with driver visibility;~~  
953 ~~4. Have no moving parts;~~  
954 ~~5. Are not internally illuminated and if externally illuminated, such lighting shall be uncolored,~~  
955 ~~non-blinking, and directed away from traffic;~~  
956 ~~6. Consist of materials and colors which minimize reflective capabilities;~~

957 ~~7. May be located closer to right of way by conditional use permit.~~  
958 ~~8. Such signs shall require a sign permit.~~  
959 ~~(Ord. 2020 ss17 [part], 1994: Ord. 1607 ss12, 13, 14, 1987: Ord 1190 ss1, 1981).~~  
960

961 **Section 36. Amendment.** That Subsection 21.42.110(D) of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is  
962 hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:  
963

964 **21.42.110 LIMITATIONS ON USE**

965  
966 **D. Child Day Care Centers**

967  
968 **2. Requirements**  
969

970 In any case, the approval of the conditional use permit shall include the following requirements:  
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- 972 a. The applicant must be state-licensed before the operation of the facility;  
973 b. Adequate off-street parking must be provided;  
974 c. All outdoor play areas must be fenced with a minimum of eight hundred square feet plus an  
975 additional eighty square feet per additional child over ten;  
976 d. Site and sound screening standards for the outdoor play area must be met;  
977 e. The applicant must provide off-street access to the facility from the public right-of-way for  
978 the purpose of pickup and delivery of children;  
979 f. The applicant must indicate the ages of the children to be cared for;  
980  
981 g. See Section 21.16.290(A) for sign regulations.  
982

983 **Section 37. Amendment.** That Subsection 21.42.110(H) of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is  
984 hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:  
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986 **21.42.110 LIMITATIONS ON USE**

987  
988 **H. Office Uses**  
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990 The intended uses shall comply with the following minimum standards:  
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- 992 1. No portion of the building in which the offices are permitted shall be occupied as a residence;  
993 2. The office use shall be generally professional in nature, which use shall include but not be  
994 limited to medical and dental offices or clinics, accountants, architects, attorneys at law,  
995 chiropractors, engineers, land surveyors, opticians; provided, accessory retail uses may be  
996 allowed only if closely related to the principal uses of the building, such as pharmacies in  
997 medical buildings, and must be specified in the conditional use permit. When allowed, such  
998 retail uses shall be internally oriented, with external advertising identical to the professional  
999 offices and compliance with the conditional use permit;  
1000 3. ~~There shall be no signage allowed except wall signs, ground signs, and building directories,~~  
1001 ~~as approved by the conditional use permit. All wall signs shall be non-internally illuminated.~~  
1002 See Section 21.16.290(H) for sign regulations.  
1003 4. The uses shall be of a type unlikely to be open evenings or weekends and unlikely to generate  
1004 large volumes of traffic;

1005 5. In considering the intended use, location of the building in proximity to existing multiple or  
1006 single family residential uses, a determination shall be made that the proposed use would not  
1007 be detrimental to such existing residential uses.  
1008

1009 Section 38. Amendment. That Section 21.44.500 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby  
1010 repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:  
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1012 21.44.500 Signs  
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1014 ~~Only the following signs are allowed in this zone:~~ See Section 21.16.310 for sign regulations.  
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1016 ~~A. Ground Signs~~  
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1018 ~~In accordance with Section 21.46.500;~~  
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1020 ~~B. Incidental Signs~~  
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1022 ~~In accordance with Section 21.46.500;~~  
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1024 ~~C. Pole Signs~~  
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1026 ~~A conditional use permit may be granted by the City Council for pole signs, providing there are~~  
1027 ~~appropriate design and aesthetic conditions to protect nearby residential areas. One or more pole~~  
1028 ~~signs may be allowed per property street frontage provided the leading edge of the sign is located~~  
1029 ~~no closer than thirty five feet from primary arterials and twenty five feet from all other streets.~~  
1030 ~~The area of such pole sign is limited in size to one hundred square feet or less and twenty five~~  
1031 ~~feet in height or less. Pole signs shall be oriented to avoid reflection or glare upon future~~  
1032 ~~residential uses as indicated by the Comprehensive Plan, and shall not rotate, have parts that~~  
1033 ~~move, revolve, blink, or flutter.~~  
1034

1035 ~~D. Other Signs~~  
1036

1037 ~~Those signs permitted under Section 21.42.500,~~  
1038 ~~(Ord. 2020 ss18 [part], 1994; Ord. 1190 ss2, 1981; Ord. 1139 ss1, 1980; Ord. 470 ss2 [part],~~  
1039 ~~1969).~~  
1040

1041 Section 39. Amendment. That Subsection 21.46.111(B) of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is  
1042 hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:  
1043

1044 21.46.111 Limitation on Uses - Auto - Oriented Uses  
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1046 **B. Full Service Stations, Self Service Stations, and Gas Stations**  
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1048 **2. Development Standards**  
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1050 In addition to the Development Standards listed above, development of Full Service Stations, Self  
1051 Service Stations, and Gas Stations, and Convenience Stores when combined with any of these  
1052 stations shall comply with the following standards:  
1053

- 1054 a. Minimum Street Frontage  
1055 150 feet of frontage is necessary for street frontages which have two accesses.  
1056 This figure can be reduced appropriately if the number of curb cuts are also  
1057 reduced.  
1058
- 1059 b. Minimum Lot Area: .  
1060 As provided for the applicable zone  
1061
- 1062 c. Minimum Setbacks for Buildings and Canopies:  
1063 As provided for the applicable zone  
1064
- 1065 d. Site Screening Standards for Side Yard and Rear Yard:  
1066 As provided for the applicable zone  
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- 1068 e. Off Street Parking and Landscaping:  
1069 Same as Chapter 21.18 except that a 20-foot wide landscaping strip shall be  
1070 required along the street frontage. This 20-foot landscaping strip is in lieu of the  
1071 five percent (5%) landscaping required in the interior of the parking area.  
1072
- 1073 f. Street Standards:  
1074 All public rights of way shall be fully improved to the center of the street with  
1075 paving, curb, gutter, and sidewalk to city standards.  
1076
- 1077 g. Driveways:  
1078 Driveways shall be designed and located according to Public Works Department  
1079 standards.  
1080
- 1081 h. Separation Between Parking and Pump Islands  
1082 Where there are parking stalls backing up to pump islands, the minimum distance  
1083 between pump islands and off-street parking shall be 40 feet from the end of stall  
1084 to the pump island.  
1085
- 1086 i. Signs:  
1087 ~~As allowed for other Commercial Uses.~~ See Section 21.16.310 for sign  
1088 regulations.  
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- 1090 j. Lighting Standards  
1091 All lighting shall be so arranged and shielded as to confine all direct light rays  
1092 entirely within the boundary lines of the site, and as to prevent, to the extent  
1093 practicable, reflected light rays from shining upon other properties, and as to  
1094 avoid glare onto any portion of any adjacent right-of-way or into the path of  
1095 oncoming vehicles.  
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- 1097 k. Dumpster Enclosures  
1098 All dumpster enclosures shall meet the setback requirements for the applicable  
1099 zone. The enclosure shall not exceed 6 feet in height and shall consist of a solid  
1100 fence made of wood or masonry material.

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1102 l. Building Height Limit And Maximum Lot Coverage And Interior Yard Setbacks:  
1103 As provided for the applicable zone.  
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1105 **Section 40. Amendment.** That Subsection 21.46.120(F) of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is  
1106 hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:  
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1108 **21.46.120 General Commercial Area for Controlled Uses**  
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1110 **F. Development Standards**  
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1112 The development standards in the Controlled Use Area are the same as General Commercial,  
1113 except as follows:  
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1115 1. Signages  
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1117 See Section 21.16.310 for sign regulations.  
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1119 ~~All sign regulations throughout the Controlled Use Area shall be as follows:~~  
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1121 a. ~~Wall Signs~~  
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1123 ~~Sign programs in which each tenant has its own wall sign shall meet the following standards:~~  
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- 1125 ~~i. All wall signs on the site shall be of a uniform color and letter style compatible with building~~  
1126 ~~materials used elsewhere on the site;~~  
1127 ~~ii. There shall be not more than one wall sign per business, the top of such wall signs shall not~~  
1128 ~~be higher than the top of the first floor of the building;~~  
1129 ~~iii. The maximum sign area of individual tenant wall signs shall be 8 square feet, the maximum~~  
1130 ~~height of letters shall not exceed 24 inches;~~  
1131 ~~iv. The wall signs shall not be illuminated either internally or externally;~~  
1132 ~~v. The wall signs shall be constructed with materials which minimize reflective capabilities;~~  
1133 ~~vi. The sign shall be printed on or mounted flush against the wall and shall have no moving~~  
1134 ~~parts;~~  
1135 ~~vii. Sign components must be securely attached to the wall and must not be temporary or~~  
1136 ~~removable.~~  
1137 ~~viii. The sign shall be located on the building frontage occupied by the tenant to which the sign~~  
1138 ~~relates, and~~  
1139 ~~ix. Tenants which share a common exterior entrance shall be restricted to a total of 8 square feet~~  
1140 ~~of wall sign area.~~

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1142 b. ~~Building Wall Signs~~  
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1144 ~~The following additional signage is allowed only to buildings of two or more stories, not~~  
1145 ~~including basements, in which a single tenant occupies 51% or more of the floor area. In addition~~  
1146 ~~to each tenant having a wall sign, the sign program that is reviewed in connection with~~  
1147 ~~development plan approval may provide for a wall sign generally representative of the building,~~  
1148 ~~i.e. a building wall sign. Such building wall sign shall meet the following standards:~~  
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- 1150 ~~i. Except as otherwise provided all building wall signs on the site shall conform to the wall sign~~  
1151 ~~standards for the LI Zone.~~  
1152 ~~ii. The maximum height of letters of any building wall sign shall not exceed 24 inches; and~~  
1153 ~~iii. The length of the building wall sign shall be no more than 50% of the length of the elevation~~  
1154 ~~on which the sign is mounted.~~

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1156 **c. ~~Ground Signs~~**

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1158 ~~Ground signs may be allowed if necessary in order to direct traffic to points of access to the site,~~  
1159 ~~and subject to the following:~~

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1161 ~~i. Except as otherwise provided all ground signs on the site shall conform to the wall sign~~  
1162 ~~standards for the LI Zone.~~  
1163 ~~ii. A maximum of two ground signs are allowed per street per property, 300 feet apart.~~  
1164 ~~iii. The maximum height shall be 3' 6".~~  
1165 ~~iv. The maximum area shall be 25 sq. ft. per side.~~  
1166 ~~v. The signs shall be located a minimum of 5 feet from the public right of way unless an~~  
1167 ~~alternate setback is specifically approved as part of development plan approval.~~

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1169 **Section 41. Amendment.** That Section 21.46.130 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is repealed,  
1170 revised and amended to read as follows:

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1172 **21.46.130 Prohibited Uses**

1173 The following uses shall be prohibited in all Commercial zones.

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1175 ~~A. Advertising signs not related to business conducted on the same premises as the sign.~~  
1176 ~~B. Devices to attract attention to the premises, including but not limited to balloons with or~~  
1177 ~~without letters or pictorial figures on them; spotlights; searchlights.~~

1178 ~~AG. Heliports and helistops.~~

1179 ~~(Ord. 2020 ss19 [part], 1994: Ord. 984 ss2, 1978: Ord. 522 ss3 [part], 1969).~~

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1181 **Section 42. New Chapter.** That Sections 21.46.500 and 21.46.510 of the Lynnwood Municipal  
1182 Code is hereby repealed, revised and amended and a new Chapter 21.16 added to read as follows:

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1184 **CHAPTER 21.16**

1185 **SIGNS**

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1187 **21.16.050 Purpose**

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1189 The control of signs in areas adjacent to city streets and roadways and within commercial,  
1190 industrial and residential areas, is hereby declared to be necessary to promote the public health,  
1191 safety, welfare, convenience, and enjoyment of public travel in the city, to protect the public  
1192 investment in the street system of the city, to promote aesthetic values within the city, and to  
1193 insure that information in the specific of interest of passing motorists to the public is presented  
1194 safely and effectively and to protect the living environment for residents in the city and the  
1195 quality of the commercial and industrial environment for businesses.  
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- 1197 The sign regulations contained in this chapter are necessary to further a legitimate and  
1198 compelling public interest by regulating the use of signs on public and private property and  
1199 accomplish the following objectives:  
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1201 A. To encourage the effective and creative use of signs as a means of communication in the  
1202 City;  
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1204 B. To improve pedestrian and traffic safety by reducing signs or advertising distractions and  
1205 obstructions that contribute to limited site visibility;  
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1207 C. To maintain and enhance the aesthetic environment and the City's ability to attract sources of  
1208 economic development and growth;  
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1210 D. To minimize the possible adverse effect of signs on nearby public and private property;  
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1212 E. To enable the fair and consistent enforcement of these sign regulations; and  
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1214 F. To promote optimum conditions for meeting sign users' needs while, at the same time,  
1215 improving the visual appearance of an area that will assist in creating a more attractive  
1216 environment.  
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1218 **21.16.100 Definitions**

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1220 See Chapter 21.02 for sign definitions.  
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1222 **21.16.200 Scope and Exclusions**

- 1223  
1224 This chapter applies to all signs erected or altered within the City of Lynnwood. The  
1225 following signs or displays are exempt from the regulations of this chapter:  
1226  
1227 A. Traffic, bicycle or pedestrian control signs or signals and signs used by the Public  
1228 Works Department as permitted by other City regulations;  
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1230 B. Building address numbers;  
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1232 C. Signs on the inside of buildings with doors closed and signs on the inside of windows;  
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1234 D. Regulatory, informational, identification or directional signs installed by, or at the  
1235 direction of, a government entity;  
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1237 E. Signs required by law; however, not all signs required by law are exempt, for  
1238 examples, gasoline price signs;  
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1240 F. Official public notices or official court notices  
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1242 G. Signs or displays not visible from streets, rights-of-way, sidewalks, adjacent property,  
1243 parking lots or other areas open to the public;  
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- 1245 H. The flag of government or non-commercial institutions such as schools  
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1247 I. Structures intended for separate use such as phone booths and recycling containers;  
1248 provided, that no advertising oriented to the public right-of-way is attached to such  
1249 structures;  
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1251 J. Reasonable seasonal decorations within a recognized public holiday season;  
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1253 K. Sculptures, fountains, mosaics, murals, building architecture, design features and other  
1254 works of art that do not incorporate business identification or commercial messages;  
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1256 L. Historic or commemorative site markers or plaques; and  
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1258 M. Lettering or symbols painted directly onto or flush-mounted magnetically onto a  
1259 licensed and operable motor vehicle operating in the normal course of business.  
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1261 **21.16.210 General Sign Regulations**

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1263 **A. Permit, Permanency and On-Premise Requirements**

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1265 Except as provided by other sections of this chapter, all signs shall be located on-premise  
1266 and require issuance of a sign permit prior to placement. All signs shall be permanently  
1267 installed except for those portable and temporary signs expressly permitted by other  
1268 sections of this chapter.

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1270 **B2. Illumination**

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1272 The light from any illuminated sign shall be so shaded, shielded or directed that the light intensity  
1273 or brightness will not be objectionable to surrounding areas properties. ~~Any illuminated sign~~  
1274 ~~shall be oriented away from the surrounding residences, and away from streets.~~

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1276 **C3. Structural Requirements**

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1278 All signs shall comply with the pertinent requirements of the Uniform Building Code, Uniform  
1279 Sign Code, and National Electric Code as adopted by the City, insofar as standards of  
1280 construction are concerned, but this ~~Section~~ chapter shall govern the size, ~~and~~ location, height  
1281 and other features of signs.

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1283 The back sides of single-faced signs shall be covered and finished in such a manner that  
1284 no braces or other structural ~~members are exposed to view from beyond the property~~  
1285 elements are visible from public view. All signs shall be covered in such a way that light  
1286 sources are not directly visible, except neon and electronic changing message signs.  
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D. Maintenance

All signs shall be kept in good repair and maintained in a safe condition and any damage or deterioration including but not limited to missing sign faces, cabinet covers and sign components, damaged structural elements; and rust or peeling paint shall be repaired. Damaged or deteriorated signs shall be repaired within 30 days of notification by the City.

E. Placement

No signs shall be fastened to trees, shrubs or rocks. No signs shall be fastened to telephone and utility poles, street lights or traffic control devices unless they are allowed pursuant to Federal or State laws.

**21.16.220 Prohibited Signs**

The following signs and outdoor advertising devices are prohibited in all zones unless expressly permitted by other sections of this chapter:

~~Banners are prohibited in all zones.~~

A. Balloons

B. Banner signs except for those permitted in Sections 21.16.260 and 21.16.310

C. Pennants

D. Festoons

E. Revolving signs and signs with moving parts

F. Signs with flashing and blinking lights and signs with lights that go on and off sequentially except for electronic changing message signs

G. Portable readerboard signs

H. Off premise signs except for those permitted in Sections 21.16.260, 21.16.270 and 21.16.290

I. Portable and temporary signs except those permitted in Sections 21.16.260, 21.16.270, 21.16.290 and 21.16.310

J. Signs attached to vehicles that can be seen from public right-of-way or adjacent property that do not have a current license or are inoperable.

**21.16.230 Decorative Murals**

Decorative or artistic murals may be painted or otherwise placed on any building or structure in any zone without a sign permit. However, a rendition of the mural shall be

1336 reviewed and approved by the Planning Department prior to placement to ensure that it is  
1337 not considered a mural sign.

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1339 The following criteria shall be used to make this determination administratively:

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1341 a. The mural shall not contain any commercial messages or commercial logos or  
1342 graphics or colors specifically identified with a particular business.

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1344 b. The mural shall not contain an image that depicts a business, product, service or  
1345 commercial activity that occurs or takes place on the site where the mural is located.

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#### 1347 **21.16.240 Flag Poles**

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1349 Flag poles shall comply with the height and setback requirements for monument and pole  
1350 signs when located within the building setbacks prescribed by the zone in which they are  
1351 located and comply with the height requirements for buildings on the remainder of the site.

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#### 1353 **21.16.250 Non-Conforming Signs**

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1355 Existing nonconforming signs shall be subject to the following regulations:

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1357 A. Any existing non-conforming sign shall be made conforming if Level 2 or Level 3  
1358 improvements per Sections 21.12.400(B) and (C) are made to building(s) on non-  
1359 conforming sites occupied by a conforming use, except if allowed to remain pursuant  
1360 to State law.

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1362 B. Any existing non-conforming sign that has been abandoned for a continuous period of  
1363 six (6) months or more must be removed or made conforming before it can be used by  
1364 a new business, except if allowed to remain pursuant to State law.

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1366 C. When any new sign for which a sign permit is required by this chapter is proposed to  
1367 be installed on a business site where a nonconforming sign or signs are located, one  
1368 nonconforming sign of similar type as the proposed sign shall be removed or brought  
1369 into conformance with this chapter for each new sign installed on a business site. For  
1370 example, one existing nonconforming freestanding sign would need to be removed or  
1371 brought into conformance for each new freestanding sign installed on a particular  
1372 business site, except if allowed to remain pursuant to State law.

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1374 D. Portable signs located within an area being annexed to the City that do not conform  
1375 with the requirements of this chapter shall be removed within six months of the  
1376 effective date of annexation.

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1378 E. Whenever any modification is to be made to the structure, frame or support of any  
1379 nonconforming sign, such nonconforming sign shall be removed or brought into  
1380 conformance with this chapter. Adding a new sign face to a nonconforming sign that  
1381 does not modify the shape, size or any structural element of a nonconforming sign  
1382 shall be allowed without a sign permit. This provision does not apply to regular  
1383 maintenance that does not involve replacement of external elements.

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1385 F. Whenever a building facade that supports a nonconforming wall, non-rigid awning or  
1386 projecting signs is remodeled, all such nonconforming signs located on the facade  
1387 being remodeled shall be brought into conformance with this chapter.  
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1389 G. Any nonconforming sign that has been designated historically or culturally significant  
1390 or is placed on a structure that has been designated historically or culturally significant  
1391 shall not be required to be removed.  
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1393 **21.16.260 Civic Banners and Signs**  
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1395 Banners and other signs displaying civic messages only are allowed on property owned by  
1396 the City and no other property. Such civic banners and signs shall display only messages  
1397 that promote events of a general civic interest. Such banners and signs shall not be  
1398 attached to fences, trees or shrubs and not placed in a way that might block visibility or  
1399 create a safety hazard.  
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1401 Banners announcing a civic event shall be placed no more than two (2) weeks prior to the  
1402 event and shall be removed within one week following the event. Civic banners shall not  
1403 be illuminated. Signs on City owned property displaying civic messages other than  
1404 banners shall comply with the sign regulations of the zone in which they are located.  
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1406 Civic banners may be displayed within and across public street right-of-way; however,  
1407 placement of the banners shall be subject to approval of the Public Works Department. In  
1408 addition, any person, organization or public agency wishing to place such a banner within  
1409 public right-of-way shall have liability insurance in form acceptable to the City, naming  
1410 the City as an additional insured, in an amount of at least one million dollars to cover any  
1411 accidents that may have resulted from the placement of the banner.  
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1413 Civic banners shall not be allowed on City park property or within public right-of-way  
1414 adjacent to City park property or on any street median.  
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1416 Ground signs displaying civic messages may be located within easements for such a  
1417 purpose on privately owned property as long as ground signs are allowed in the zone  
1418 where they are to be located. Such ground signs displaying civic messages shall comply  
1419 with all the regulations in Section 21.16.310(A) except for the regulation prohibiting  
1420 removable letters.  
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1422 **Sunset Clause**  
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1424 The provision in Section 21.16.260 of this Ordinance allowing civic message banners  
1425 across public street right-of-way shall be repealed on January 1, 2002 so as not to allow  
1426 such banners across public street right-of-way, unless reenacted by ordinance. At any time  
1427 prior to the above date, the City Council, Planning Commission or Planning Department  
1428 may cause this provision in Section 21.16.260 to be reviewed by the Planning Commission  
1429 and City Council for possible amendment or elimination.  
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1431 **21.16.270 Political Signs**

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1433 Political campaign signs, concerning candidates or issues, shall not require a sign permit-  
1434 fee, but this exemption shall not be construed as relieving the owner of the sign from  
1435 responsibility for its erection and maintenance in conformance with all applicable laws. Such  
1436 signs, if they are more than four (4) square feet and not greater than thirty-two (32) square feet  
1437 per side, may be located anywhere in the City except within are specifically prohibited from  
1438 being located in the public right-of-way or on City-owned property. Also, the face of such  
1439 signs shall not exceed thirty-two square feet. Political signs no more than four (4) square feet per  
1440 side may be located along the edge of public right-of-way; however, they shall not be located  
1441 on or overhang pavement, street medians, sidewalks, or any area where people walk, ride  
1442 bicycles, drive or park vehicles. No political signs shall be located on City park property or  
1443 within public right-of-way adjacent to City park property or on any street median. The owners  
1444 of such a signs and the owners of the property on which the signs ~~is~~ are located, shall be  
1445 responsible for its removal within ~~fourteen (14)~~ seven (7) days after the election, except in the  
1446 case of a primary election where successful candidates will appear in a general election, such  
1447 signs will shall be removed within ~~fourteen (14)~~ seven (7) days after the general election.  
1448 Signs that display political messages that do not pertain to an election may remain until such  
1449 time the issue the message relates to has been accomplished or resolved.

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1451 **Sunset Clause**

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1453 Section 21.16.270 of this Ordinance on political campaign signs shall be repealed on January  
1454 1, 2002 so as not to allow political campaign signs in public right-of-way, unless reenacted by  
1455 ordinance. At any time prior to the above date, the City Council, Planning Commission or  
1456 Planning Department may cause Section 21.16.270 to be reviewed by the Planning  
1457 Commission and City Council for possible amendment or elimination.

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1459 **21.16.280 Construction Signs**

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1461 Construction signs may be displayed only during construction on the site where the sign is  
1462 located. Only one such sign is permitted per street frontage. No construction sign shall be  
1463 more than thirty-two (32) square feet per face or ten (10) feet in height. Construction  
1464 signs shall conform to the setback requirements for monument signs. Construction signs  
1465 may be placed only after a grading or building permit has been issued for construction of  
1466 the development the sign makes reference to. Construction signs shall be removed prior to  
1467 the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for all approved construction on a business site  
1468 or residential development site or on expiration of the building or grading permit,  
1469 whichever occurs first.

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1471 **21.16.290 Residential Signs**

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1473 Only the following signs are permitted:

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1475 **A. Occupant Identification, Home Occupation and Child Day Care Center Signs**

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A sign identifying the occupants of a residence or home occupation on which premises the sign is located, providing:

1. There shall not be more than one sign per dwelling unit;
2. The maximum size of the sign shall be ~~two~~ six (6) square feet for a sign placed flat against the wall of a building, or ~~one~~ six (6) square ~~feet~~ feet and not more than 42 inches high for a freestanding sign;
3. Freestanding signs shall be permanently installed and shall be setback a minimum of five feet from a right-of-way;
4. There shall be no internal illumination of, nor external illumination directed at the sign; and
5. The components of the sign shall not be temporary or removable.

#### B. Restrictions or Danger in Use of Premises

Signs no larger than two (2) square feet referring to the restrictions or danger in use of premises on which the sign is located, including but not limited to, "No Trespassing", "Beware of Dog", and "Electrified Fence" signs.

#### C. On-Site Sale of Household Goods

Signs advertising sale of household goods ~~on the premises on which such signs are located,~~ for example garage and yard sales, providing such signs:

1. Do not exceed four (4) square feet in area per side and;
2. Are attached to a wall or mounted in the ground on the site where the sale would occur so as to prevent such signs from becoming a hazard to pedestrians, or motorists; and
3. Are placed no more than one day prior to sale and removed within one day following sale.
4. Shall only be used for the sale of household goods and shall not be used for home occupations or any other residential or commercial purpose.
5. Portable off-premise sale of household goods signs are allowed providing such signs:
  - a. No more than three (3) off-premise signs for sale of household goods are allowed. These signs maybe located along the edge of street right-of-way; however, they shall not be located on or overhang street pavement, street medians, sidewalks or any area where people walk, ride bicycles, drive or park vehicles.



1525 b. May be located on property other than that where household goods are for sale  
1526 with the permission of the property owner where sign is placed. These signs  
1527 shall not be fastened to any telephone or utility pole, fence, traffic control device,  
1528 public structure, rock, tree or shrub.  
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1530 6. Shall not be located on City park property or within public right-of-way adjacent to  
1531 City park property.  
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1533 4. Are removed within one week of installation.  
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#### 1535 Sunset Clause

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1537 The provision of Section 21.16.290(C)(5) of this Ordinance allowing portable off-premise sale of  
1538 household goods signs within public right-of-way shall be repealed on January 1, 2002 so as not  
1539 to allow such signs in public right-of-way, unless reenacted by ordinance. At any time prior to  
1540 the above date, the City Council, Planning Commission or Planning Department may cause this  
1541 provision in Section 21.16.290(C)(5) to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and City  
1542 Council for possible amendment or elimination.  
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#### 1544 **D. Real Estate Signs**

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1546 1. Signs advertising the sale, or rental or lease of the premises on which such signs are  
1547 located property, providing such signs:  
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1549 a1. Do not exceed ten 10 sq-ft, square feet per sign side, do not exceed five (5) feet  
1550 in height and are attached to a wall or mounted in the ground on the site for sale,  
1551 rent or lease only so as to prevent such signs from becoming a hazard to  
1552 pedestrians or motorists for individual developed single family lots;  
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1554 b2. Do not exceed 35 32 sq-ft, square feet in area per sign side and subject to the  
1555 location, number and height regulations of Section 21.16.310(I) for the  
1556 following: tracts of undeveloped land; tracts of partially developed land which  
1557 may be developed at a higher density; and subdivisions; and;  
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1559 c3. Are removed once the property and/or buildings being advertised are sold, rented  
1560 or leased.  
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1562 2. Portable off-premise real estate open house and directional signs are allowed  
1563 providing such signs:  
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1565 a. Shall only be used for sale, lease or rental of real property and shall not be used  
1566 for home occupations or any other residential or commercial purpose.  
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1568 b. May be within public right-of-way located along the edge; however, they shall  
1569 not be located on or overhang street pavement, street medians, sidewalks or any  
1570 area where people walk, ride bicycles, drive or park vehicles.  
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1572 c. In number are no more than the minimum necessary to direct the public from  
1573 principal and minor arterials in the City to property for sale, lease or rent and no

- 1574 more than one sign per agent, property manager or seller shall be placed per  
1575 street intersection.  
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1577 d. May be located on property other than that for sale, lease or rent with permission  
1578 of property owner where the sign is located. These signs shall not be fastened to  
1579 any telephone or utility pole, street light, traffic control device, public structure,  
1580 fence, rock, tree or shrub.  
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1582 e. Shall not exceed 4 sq. ft. per side.  
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1584 f. Shall only be placed when agent, seller or property manager is at the property for  
1585 sale, lease or rent and only on Saturday and Sunday during daylight hours, and  
1586 only on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.  
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1588 g. Shall not be located on City park property or within public right-of-way adjacent  
1589 to City park property.  
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1591 Sunset Clause  
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1593 Section 21.16.290(D)(2) of this Ordinance on portable off-premise real estate signs shall be  
1594 repealed on January 1, 2002 so as not to allow such signs in public right-of-way, unless reenacted  
1595 by ordinance. At any time prior to the above date, the City Council, Planning Commission or  
1596 Planning Department may cause Section 21.16.290(D)(2) to be reviewed by the Planning  
1597 Commission and City Council for possible amendment or elimination.  
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1599 The above described signs do not require a sign permit, but this exemption shall not ~~be construed~~  
1600 ~~as relieving~~ the owner of the sign from the responsibility for its ~~erection and maintenance in~~  
1601 conformance with this section.  
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1603 **F. Construction Signs**  
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1605 Construction signs providing such signs:  
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- 1607 a. Do not exceed ten (10) square feet per side, do not exceed five (5) in height for  
1608 individual developed single family lots. Such signs may be attached to a wall or  
1609 mounted in the ground on the site of construction so that such signs are not a hazard  
1610 to pedestrians, bicyclists or motorists for individual developed single family lots.  
1611 Such signs shall be removed at the time permitted construction receives final  
1612 approval by the City.  
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1614 b. Do not exceed 32 square feet per side and comply with the regulations of Section  
1615 21.16.280 for the following: tracts of undeveloped land; tracts of partially developed  
1616 land that may be developed at a higher density; subdivisions and development in  
1617 Multiple Family zones.  
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1619 The above signs do not require a sign permit, but this exemption shall not relieve the owner of  
1620 such signs from the responsibility for compliance with this section.  
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1622 **G. Residential Development or Institutional Identification Signs**

1623  
1624 Ground Signs which identify residential developments such as subdivisions and  
1625 apartment complexes or institutional uses such as churches and schools ~~which are~~  
1626 ~~allowed outright or by conditional use permit are permitted, providing~~ such signs; shall  
1627 be located within the development or site so identified and shall comply with the  
1628 following:

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- 1630 1. Are located ~~five or more feet from the right of way~~ within the development or site so  
1631 identified;
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  - 1633 2. Do not exceed one per street frontage entrance;
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  - 1635 3. ~~Are so located as to minimize interference with driver visibility~~ Comply with the  
1636 ground sign regulations in Section 21.16.310 except for the regulation prohibiting  
1637 removable letters; and
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  - 1639 4. ~~Have no moving parts;~~
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  - 1641 5. ~~Are not internally illuminated and if externally illuminated, such lighting shall be~~  
1642 ~~uncolored, non-blinking, and directed away from traffic;~~
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  - 1644 6. ~~Consist of materials and colors which minimize reflective capabilities;~~
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  - 1646 7. ~~May be located closer to right of way by conditional use permit.~~
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  - 1648 48. Such signs shall require a sign permit.
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1650 **H. Signs for Offices in Multiple Family Zones**

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1652 There shall be no ~~signage~~ signs allowed except wall signs, ground signs, and building  
1653 directories ~~as approved by conditional use permit.~~ All wall and ground signs shall conform  
1654 to the requirements and criteria of Section 21.16.310. All wall signs shall be non-internally  
1655 illuminated, except for individual letter signs and signs with opaque sign face backgrounds  
1656 that only allow letters and/or business logos or graphics to be visible at night. Wall signs on  
1657 building facades oriented toward nearby residential zones shall not be illuminated.  
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1659 **21.16.300 Signs in the Public and Semi Public Zone**

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1661 Only the following signs are allowed in this zone:

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1663 **A. Ground Signs**

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1665 In accordance with the ground sign regulations in Section 21.16.500 21.16.310 except for the  
1666 regulation prohibiting removable letters;

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1668 **B. Incidental Signs**

1670 In accordance with Section ~~21.46.500~~ 21.16.310;

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1672 **C. Pole Monument Signs**

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1674 A conditional use permit may be granted by the City Council for monument pole signs,  
1675 providing they are not oriented toward appropriate design and aesthetic conditions to  
1676 protect nearby residential areas zones. No more than One or more pole or monument signs  
1677 may shall be allowed per property street frontage provided the leading edge of the sign is  
1678 located no closer than thirty five feet from primary arterials and twenty five feet from all  
1679 other streets subject site. Monument signs shall conform to the regulations of Section  
1680 21.16.310; however, in no case shall they be more than twenty (20) feet in height.

1681 Monument signs shall not be illuminated if visible from nearby residential zones. The area of  
1682 such pole sign is limited in size to one hundred square feet or less and twenty five feet in  
1683 height or less. Pole signs shall be oriented to avoid reflection or glare upon future residential  
1684 uses as indicated by the Comprehensive Plan, and shall not rotate, have parts that move,  
1685 revolve, blink, or flutter.

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1687 **D. Other Signs**

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1689 Those signs permitted under Section ~~21.42.500~~ 21.16.290.

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1691 **21.16.310 Commercial Signage Signs**

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1693 This section concerns business signs, and applies in all Commercial zones except the Planned  
1694 Regional Shopping Center Zone. Only those signs which do not conflict with regulations  
1695 contained in this and other City ordinances LMC Titles, and which are consistent with the  
1696 definition of a business sign in Section ~~21.02.6702~~, are permitted subject to the following  
1697 standards; provided, however, that no person shall display or cause to be displayed on his  
1698 premises, or premises under his control, any business sign which is not permanently installed,  
1699 except for searchlights. The word "street", as it appears in this section, shall not include 1-5,  
1700 1-405, SR 525 or the Snohomish County PUD right-of-way.

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1702 **A. Allowable Freestanding Signs Area**

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1704 **1. Freestanding Pole Signs**

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1706 **a. General Area**

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1708 The total allowable sign area for freestanding pole signs on individual and multiple business sites  
1709 that qualify for one pole sign shall be seventy-five (75) square feet plus one-half foot for each  
1710 lineal foot of street frontage over two hundred fifty (250) feet, up to a maximum of Any one  
1711 pole sign shall be no more than one hundred fifty (150) square feet in area per side.

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1713 ~~The allowable sign area for freestanding signs~~ On business sites which qualify for more than  
1714 one pole or monument sign, as per Subparagraph ~~B(1)(a)~~, below, the total allowable sign area per  
1715 street frontage shall be calculated at seventy-five (75) square feet plus one-half square foot for  
1716 each lineal foot over two hundred fifty (250) feet. However, a No pole sign face shall exceed one  
1717 hundred fifty-five (155) square feet in area. On business sites with both pole and monument

1718 signs, the total area of such signs oriented toward a particular street shall not exceed the  
 1719 maximum sign area based on that street's linear frontage, except on multiple business sites and  
 1720 sites with pole signs at least 50 feet from the street. See paragraph (2) for calculation of  
 1721 monument sign area. The allowable sign area shall be computed separately for each street  
 1722 frontage, and only the sign area derived from the street frontage along a street may be oriented  
 1723 toward that street. The allowable sign area for a pole sign located at a corner shall be derived  
 1724 from the one street frontage it is oriented toward. Only one face of a double faced sign shall be  
 1725 considered in computing its area, providing both sides pertain to the same business.

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 1728 bi. Additional Area for Multiple Business Sites  
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1730 Multiple business sites shall be allowed an additional twenty (20) square feet of freestanding sign  
 1731 area for each ~~business commercial tenant or occupant~~ in excess of one up to a total of eighty (80)  
 1732 square feet of additional pole sign area per multiple business site. Such additional sign area shall  
 1733 not be used to increase the sign area of any tenant or occupant business beyond that amount  
 1734 which would be allowed if located in an individual business site of the same size as the multiple  
 1735 business site. Sign structures containing this additional sign area shall be constructed in such a  
 1736 way to be easily modified to reflect changes in the number of tenants on the site. Any multiple  
 1737 business site which is at least one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) square feet in lot area and  
 1738 contains at least ten (10) separate businesses shall be allowed one additional freestanding sign for  
 1739 identification of the site generally. Such signs shall not exceed one hundred sixty (160) square  
 1740 feet in area.

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 1742 iii. Additional Area for Pole Signs At Least 50 Feet from a Street  
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1744 For all pole signs located at least fifty feet from a street, sign area may be increased five percent  
 1745 for each ten feet the sign is from the street, up to a maximum of two hundred square feet of total  
 1746 sign area per sign.

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 1748 b. Number of Pole Signs  
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1750 Along each public street abutting an individual or multiple business site, that site may have one  
 1751 permanently installed pole sign per the following schedule. However, on corner sites where two  
 1752 (2) pole signs would be spaced less than two hundred fifty (250) feet apart as measured in a  
 1753 straight line, only one sign shall be allowed.

1755 <u>Street Frontage per Street</u>	<u>Pole Signs Allowed</u>
1756 1 - 300 feet	1
1757 301 - 600 feet	2
1758 601 - 900 feet	3
1759 901 <sup>+</sup> feet	4

1760  
 1761 On Sites with less than three hundred (300) lineal feet of street frontage on one street or corner  
 1762 sites where two (2) signs would be less than two hundred fifty (250) feet apart as measured in a  
 1763 straight line, ~~may be allowed~~ additional pole signs may be allowed by conditional use permit  
 1764 provided that such signs are in keeping with the intent of this title.  
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1766 Whenever a conditional use permit for additional ~~numbers of~~ pole signs is considered, the ~~City~~  
1767 ~~Council Hearing Examiner~~ may require that the height, area, and/or specific dimensions of signs  
1768 be reduced and/or the setback from property lines be increased.

1770 Sites which qualify for additional pole signs may substitute ground signs for those additional pole  
1771 signs.

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1773 c. Location, Height & Size and Design Criteria for Specific Types of Pole Signs

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1775 I. Pole Signs:

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1777 ai. Location

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1779 ~~Whenever a conditional use permit for closer spacing of pole signs is considered, the City~~  
1780 ~~Council may require that the height, area, and/or specific dimensions of signs be reduced and/or~~  
1781 ~~the setback from property lines be increased.~~

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1783 ~~Except by conditional use permit, sites with more than one pole sign shall space those signs a~~  
1784 ~~minimum of two hundred fifty (250) feet apart, as measured along the street frontage.~~

1785  
1786 The legal setback for pole signs along public streets shall be the same as the legal setback for  
1787 buildings, except where otherwise specified. This limitation does not apply to signs established  
1788 or required by a public agency to serve a public purpose, as provided below:

1789  
1790 Pole signs shall be located more than thirty-five (35) feet from street right-of-way ~~no closer to the~~  
1791 ~~street than fifteen feet in front of the building line as stated in the schedule of development~~  
1792 ~~standards.~~

1793  
1794 Pole signs shall be located at least one hundred (100) feet from adjacent I-5, I-405, and SR-525  
1795 boundaries. Pole signs shall be located at least one hundred (100) feet from the Snohomish  
1796 County PUD right-of-way where it is adjacent to I-5. This requirement does not apply to signs  
1797 located adjacent to freeway on-ramps and off-ramps. Pole signs shall be located at least ten (10)  
1798 feet from any side or rear property line and twenty-five (25) feet from any property line adjacent  
1799 to a Residential zone.

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1801 ~~However, this section shall not be construed as requiring a sign to be located at a greater distance~~  
1802 ~~from the street than the leading edge of a non-conforming building, occupied by the business to~~  
1803 ~~which the sign pertains~~

1804  
1805 These limitations do not apply to non-illuminated private traffic direction signs directing traffic  
1806 movement within the premises of a business site, not exceeding ~~three~~ four (4) square feet in area  
1807 for each sign, ~~and not illuminated~~, or to traffic directions painted on the surface of a parking lot  
1808 or driveway.

1809  
1810 ~~Except by conditional use permit, sites which qualify for additional pole signs over one, shall~~  
1811 ~~locate such additional pole signs at least fifty feet from abutting interior property lines.~~

1812  
1813 bii. Height

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1815 Pole signs ~~may be~~ shall comply with the height regulation for monument signs depending on their  
1816 distance from the street up to a maximum of ~~thirty (30)~~ twenty-five (25) feet in height above the  
1817 average ground level at the base of the sign for all Commercial Zones. Pole signs may be thirty  
1818 (30) feet high if located within 500 feet of I-5, I-405 or SR 525 boundaries and at least one  
1819 hundred (100) feet from a public street. However, pole signs shall not be higher than twenty feet  
1820 (20) on property separated from the above freeways by a public street. ~~The location and height~~  
1821 ~~of all signs shall be as provided below. However, in all cases~~ The height of signs may be  
1822 further limited by the maximum height for buildings specified in the respective zone. When  
1823 signs are located on sites ~~which have street frontage~~ within one hundred (100) feet of a ~~Single~~  
1824 ~~Family Residential or Multiple Family Residential zoned property as measured from either the~~  
1825 ~~front or side property line of the site,~~ illuminated sections of the sign shall not exceed twenty (20)  
1826 feet in height if visible from those properties.

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1828 iii. Design Criteria

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1830 Pole signs shall meet the following design criteria and criteria indicated on Figure 3 of this  
1831 chapter:

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1833 a. The sign exterior shall consist of materials and colors that minimize reflection capabilities  
1834 and are similar and complementary to those of the primary buildings on the property where  
1835 the sign is located. The sign and support or base shall be constructed of materials that are  
1836 easily maintained and maintain their shape, color, texture and appearance over time.

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1838 b. The design of the sign and base or support shall be similar and complementary with the  
1839 architecture of the primary buildings on the property where the sign is located.

1840

1841 c. The sign base shall be surrounded by a single landscape area that is at least two (2) feet wide  
1842 between the sign base and raise curb that surrounds and protects the landscape area. The  
1843 landscape area shall include evergreen plant material and may also include other materials,  
1844 such as brick pavers or decorative planters.

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1846 2. Monument Signs:

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1848 a. Area

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1850 Maximum monument sign area shall be thirty-five (35) square feet at the minimum setback from  
1851 street right-of-way and an additional 2.0 square foot for each one foot back from the minimum  
1852 setback line measured perpendicular to the street, up to a maximum of 75 square feet per side.

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1854 b. Number of Monument Signs

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1856 The total number of monument, ground and pole signs on a business site shall not exceed  
1857 the maximum number of pole signs allowed by paragraph (A)(1)(b) above.

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1859 c. Location, Height and Design Criteria for Monument Signs

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1861 i. Location

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1863 The leading edge of monument signs shall be located at least ten (10) feet from street  
1864 right-of-way; at least ten (10) feet from any side property line and at least twenty-five  
1865 (25) feet from any property line adjacent to a Residential Zone.

1866  
1867 Monument signs shall be located at least one hundred (100) feet from adjacent I-5, I-  
1868 405 and SR-525 boundaries. Monument signs shall be located at least one hundred  
1869 (100) feet from the Snohomish County PUD right-of-way where it is adjacent to I-5.  
1870 This requirement does not apply to signs located adjacent to freeway on-ramps and  
1871 off-ramps.

1872  
1873 Monument signs shall not be located within a triangular area at street intersections or  
1874 street and driveway intersections formed by two points measuring twenty (20) feet  
1875 back from the point where the two street right-of-way lines merge or street right-of-  
1876 way line and edge of driveway merge and extending a line that connects these two  
1877 points to complete the triangle. (See Figure 4 of this chapter.)

1878  
1879 ii. Height

1880  
1881 Monument signs shall be no more than 6.5 feet high at the minimum setback from street  
1882 right-of-way and one additional foot in height for each 1.5 feet back in a perpendicular line  
1883 from the street. The maximum height for monument signs shall be twenty-five (25) feet for  
1884 all Commercial Zones. Monument signs may be thirty (30) feet high if located within 500  
1885 feet of I-5, I-405, SR 525 boundaries and at least one hundred (100) feet from a public  
1886 street. However, monument signs shall not be higher than twenty feet (20) on property  
1887 separated from the above freeways by a public street. When signs are located on sites within  
1888 one hundred (100) feet of Residential zoned property, illuminated sections shall be no more  
1889 than twenty (20) feet in height if visible from those properties.

1890  
1891 iii. Design Criteria

1892  
1893 Monument signs shall meet the following design criteria and criteria shown on Figure 5 of  
1894 this chapter:

- 1895  
1896 a. The sign shall be located so it does not interfere with the visibility of drivers,  
1897 pedestrians, bicyclists riders or others at intersections, driveways, bike lanes,  
1898 crosswalks, or other places of ingress or egress.  
1899  
1900 b. The sign exterior shall consist of materials and colors that minimize reflection  
1901 capabilities and are similar and complementary to those of the primary buildings on  
1902 the property where the sign is located. The sign and support or base shall be  
1903 constructed of materials that are easily maintained and maintain their shape, color,  
1904 texture and appearance over time.  
1905  
1906 c. The design of the sign and base or support shall be similar and complementary with  
1907 the architecture of the primary buildings on the property where the sign is located.  
1908  
1909 d. The sign base shall be surrounded by a single landscape area that is at least two (2)  
1910 feet wide between the sign base and raise curb that surrounds and protects the



1911 landscape area. The landscape area shall include evergreen plant material and may  
1912 also include other materials, such as brick pavers or decorative planters.

1913  
1914 32. Ground Signs;  
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1916 The total number of ground, monument and pole signs on a business site shall not exceed the  
1917 maximum number of pole signs allowed by paragraph (A)(1)(b) above. However, one  
1918 additional ground sign may be allowed to identify a business parking area that is not adjacent  
1919 to the business site where the business is located and one additional ground sign may be  
1920 allowed to identify an access driveway to a street not adjacent to the business site where the  
1921 business is located.

1922  
1923 One permanently installed ground sign [except as per Section 21.46.500.B21.16.310(A)  
1924 (1)(b)], may be allowed by conditional use permit along each public street abutting an  
1925 individual or multiple business site. All ground signs shall be subject to a finding in the  
1926 Conditional Use process that such sign(s) are found to be necessary in order to facilitate  
1927 traffic flow to and from the site, or within the site, the following criteria:

1928  
1929 The Conditional Use permit shall consider if the proposed sign(s) address the following  
1930 standards and the general objectives of City sign regulations under "purpose of sign  
1931 regulations."

- 1932  
1933 a. The signs are so is located as to minimize interference with drivers' or others' visibility in  
1934 intersection or at place of ingress or egress;  
1935 b. The signs have has no moving parts, are not self illuminated, and indirect lighting, if used,  
1936 shall be uncolored, non blinking, and directed away from traffic;  
1937 c. The signs consists of materials and colors which minimize reflection capabilities;  
1938 d. The sign components are securely attached to the sign structure and not temporary or  
1939 removable; and  
1940 e. The sign shall not be internally illuminated, except for an individual letter sign or a sign with  
1941 an opaque sign face background that only allows letters and/or business logos or graphics to  
1942 be visible at night. Indirect lighting, if used, shall be uncolored, non-blinking, and directed  
1943 away from traffic.  
1944 f. The sign shall have a solid base that is not less than three-quarters (3/4) of the width of the  
1945 sign face;  
1946 g. The sign shall be no more than twenty five (25) square feet in area;  
1947 h. The sign shall be located at least five (5) feet from street right-of-way;  
1948 i. The sign shall be no higher than 3.5 feet above the adjacent sidewalk or street curb;  
1949 j. The sign exterior shall consist of materials and colors that are similar and complementary to  
1950 those of the primary buildings on the business site. The sign and base shall be constructed of  
1951 materials that are easily maintained and maintain their shape, color, texture and appearance  
1952 over time; and  
1953 k. The sign may be permanently attached to retaining walls and fences; however, such walls and  
1954 fences shall be at least five (5) feet from street right-of-way.

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1956 Such signs shall may be located closer than five (5) or more feet from the street right-of-way,  
1957 unless, in connection with the by Conditional Use Permit, if it is found necessary or desirable in  
1958 the public interest to locate the sign nearer to the right-of-way, and that it will not interfere with  
1959 visibility as indicated above.

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B2. Building Signs Attached to Buildings

1. Wall Signs

a. Area

The total allowable sign area for each ~~establishment~~ business for signs attached to a building frontage including mural signs shall be sixty (60) square feet, or one square foot for each lineal foot of building frontage, whichever is greater, up to a maximum of two hundred (200) square feet. Businesses may have up to ten (10) square feet of sign area to place on a directory sign on any facade of the building where they are located, except in no case shall the maximum sign area exceed fifteen percent (15%) of a building facade considered building frontage. See Figure 2 of this chapter and Section 21.02.358 to determine building frontage.

On other building facades not considered frontage, the maximum sign area shall be one-half (.5) square foot for each lineal foot of building facade or one hundred (100) square feet, whichever is smaller. Wall signs on building facades that are oriented toward adjacent property zoned Residential shall not be illuminated.

The allowable sign area shall be computed separately for each building ~~frontage facade, and only the sign area derived from that frontage may be oriented along that frontage.~~ Sign area shall not be transferred from one facade to another. Only one face of a double face sign shall be considered in computing its area, providing both sides pertain to the same business. For purposes of determining sign area, awning signs are part of the sign area allowed for signs attached to buildings.

b. Height

Wall signs shall not extend higher than one foot above the wall to which they are attached.

3c. Transfer of Allowed Area from Freestanding Signs to Signs Attached to Buildings

Freestanding sign area may be applied to signs attached to buildings provided, however, that such area be apportioned equally to all tenants and shall only be transferred to a building frontage. A record of any such transfer must be filed with the Planning Department. The maximum wall sign area per building facade with transfer shall be four hundred (400) square feet or 10% of the building frontage area to which the sign is attached, whichever is smaller.

32. Wall, Projecting, & Marquee Signs, & Non-Rigid Awnings Signs

~~Wall and p~~Projecting signs and non-rigid awnings shall not extend higher than one foot above the wall to which they are attached; marquee signs shall not extend higher than two feet above the leading edge of the marquee to which they are attached. Non-rigid awning signs shall not extend higher than the wall to which they are attached.

Projecting and marquee signs and non-rigid awnings shall be at least eight feet above any walkway and 16 feet above any area used by vehicular traffic. However, non-rigid awnings with

2009 signs may be placed at the top of garage bay doors unless contact by vehicular traffic is possible.  
2010 Projecting signs on business sites shall not extend into public right-of-way or adjacent property.  
2011 Marquee signs shall not block windows or doorways.

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2013 The area for projecting, marquee and non-rigid awning signs shall come out of the sign area  
2014 allocation for the building facade they are attached to.

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2016 Non-rigid awnings signs shall have a maximum dimension of four feet from top to bottom. ~~The~~  
2017 ~~maximum allowed visible surface of a non-rigid awning(s) which include or constitute an awning~~  
2018 ~~sign shall not exceed 2.5 square feet per lineal foot of building facade.~~ The sign area for non-  
2019 rigid awning signs shall be the entire area of any non-rigid awning that projects less than three (3)  
2020 feet from a building. The sign area for all other non-rigid awning signs shall be the rectangular  
2021 area around letters and/or graphics displayed on the non-rigid awning. (See Figure 1.)

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2023 Projecting, marquee and non-rigid awning signs may be illuminated; however, they shall not be  
2024 illuminated if oriented toward adjacent Residential zoned property.

#### 2025 2026 43. Roof Signs

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2029 The Planning Director may approve the placement of one roof sign per building if it is  
2030 determined that such a sign is necessary because permitted wall signs cannot be placed so as to  
2031 be readable from the street closest to the building. Any roof sign approved by the Planning  
2032 Director ~~One roof sign~~ may only be mounted on a ~~roof of any structure building~~ ~~except as limited~~  
2033 ~~by~~ if it complies with the Building Code or other City ~~ordinances~~ ~~regulations~~ ~~providing guide~~  
2034 ~~wires are not used and that the structure of any roof sign with projecting members shall be first~~  
2035 ~~approved by the Fire Chief.~~ A roof sign shall not be higher than ten (10) feet above the roof deck  
2036 ~~The roof sign and shall not extend higher than 35 feet above the average ground level of the~~  
2037 ~~foundation of the building to which it is attached~~ be subject to the placement and design criteria  
2038 described on Figure 6 of this chapter. The area of a roof sign shall come out of the sign area  
2039 allocation for building facade closest to the sign.

2040  
2041 When ~~roof~~ signs are located on sites which have street frontage within 100 feet of a ~~Single~~  
2042 ~~Family Residential or Multiple Family Residential~~ zoned property ~~as measured from either the~~  
2043 ~~front or side property line of the site,~~ illuminated sections shall not exceed 20 feet in height from  
2044 the ground if visible from those properties.

#### 2045 2046 C5. Incidental Signs

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2048 Incidental signs, each not more than ~~three~~ four (4) square feet in area per side, do not require a  
2049 sign permit and may be in excess of the allowable sign area providing they are attached to a  
2050 building below the roof line, or if placed in the ground, are no more than three (3) feet above  
2051 grade, and at least five (5) feet from the street right-of-way. ~~and providing there are a~~ No more  
2052 ~~than four such signs per business shall be located outdoors for on a new business site.~~ Incidental  
2053 ~~Signs less than three square feet in area which are exclusively directional such as exit signs, may~~  
2054 ~~shall~~ not be counted as one of the four allowable signs or as part of the allowable sign area.

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2056 **D. Other Regulations Electronic Changing Message Signs**

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2058 **1. ~~Moving Parts or Changeable Copy~~**

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2060 No sign shall ~~rotate or have a part or parts which move or revolve, or shall~~ have blinking, or  
2061 flashing, ~~fluttering, or moving~~ lights; provided, however, electronically changing message signs  
2062 shall be allowed. These signs shall not change ~~messages~~ displays or images at a rate less than one  
2063 ~~message~~ every ~~thirty~~ five (5) seconds except for signs which provide alternate messages only as  
2064 to times and temperature, which may change at a rate of not less than one message every two  
2065 seconds. All such signs shall be equipped with a device which automatically dims the intensity  
2066 of the lights during hours of darkness.

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2068 **E. Internal Information Signs**

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2070 Signs intended to be seen by the public within a business site, oriented away from the street and  
2071 not readable from public right-of-way and adjacent property shall not be regulated as signs. Such  
2072 signs shall include but are not limited to internal directory signs, certain incidental signs and  
2073 menu boards.

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2075 **F. Portable Business Signs**

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2077 Portable signs shall only be allowed within eight (8) feet of any building where a business is  
2078 located. There is no limitation on the number of such signs. However, these signs shall not be  
2079 placed in the ground, on walkways, in parking areas, drive aisles, or anywhere that might block  
2080 visibility or create a safety hazard.

2081  
2082 **G. Temporary Commercial Event Signs**

2083  
2084 Certain signs that are otherwise prohibited may be used for temporary commercial events. These  
2085 events include any fair, show, festival, exhibition, party, rodeo, animal show, promotion,  
2086 entertainment, tournament, parking lot sale, street or sidewalk sale, tent sale, street dance or other  
2087 temporary activity of like character not defined as a carnival, circus or parade and which has been  
2088 issued a City Temporary Special Event license.

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2090 See LMC Chapter 5.30 for the number and duration of temporary events for which certain  
2091 prohibited signs may be used. No more than two portable signs a maximum of six (6) square feet  
2092 per side and two banner signs shall be allowed. No other prohibited signs shall be allowed. Such  
2093 signs are only allowed for temporary special events in commercial zones. Such signs shall not be  
2094 placed without a Temporary Special Event license. These signs shall only be placed on the  
2095 property where the temporary event is to occur and only during the temporary event. These signs  
2096 shall not be placed in the ground, on walkways, in parking areas, drive aisles, or anywhere that  
2097 creates a safety hazard.

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2099 **H. Searchlights**

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2101 The Building Department is hereby authorized to issue permits for searchlights. Said  
2102 regulations shall encompass Searchlights shall only be permitted if they meet the following  
2103 criteria:

- 2105 1. That the duration of time for display of the searchlight shall not be more than ten  
2106 days;  
2107 2. That no permit for display of a searchlight shall have been approved for the same  
2108 applicant during the ~~twelve~~ six-month period prior to the most recent application;  
2109 3. That the searchlight be so located as to minimize interference of driver visibility at  
2110 intersections or at points of ingress and egress;  
2111 4. That the searchlight be located thirty-five or more feet from the right-of-way; and  
2112 directed away from traffic on nearby streets;  
2113 5. The intensity and color of light and the duration of its operation shall not constitute a  
2114 nuisance as defined in Section 10.08.010; and  
2115 6. That a fee of twenty-five dollars shall be paid in connection with any such permit.  
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2117 **I. Real Estate Signs**  
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2119 Signs advertising the sale, lease or rental of ~~the premises~~ commercially zoned property on which  
2120 the sign is located shall ~~not~~ require a temporary sign permit, but this exemption shall not be  
2121 construed as relieving the owner of the sign from responsibility for its erection and maintenance,  
2122 in conformance with all applicable laws. Such signs shall not be permitted unless a property,  
2123 building(s) and/or tenant space(s) is for sale, lease or rent. Each such sign shall not exceed ~~thirty-~~  
2124 ~~five~~ twenty-four (24) square feet in area, and if freestanding, shall be subject to the regulations of  
2125 this section pertaining to the location of freestanding business signs set back at least six (6) feet  
2126 from street right-of-way. Such signs shall not be placed where they can obstruct driver, bicyclist  
2127 or pedestrian visibility. There shall be no more than one such sign per street corner or one per  
2128 street frontage, whichever is less. Such signs shall be no more than 6.5 feet in height, shall not be  
2129 illuminated and shall be removed once the property and/or buildings being advertised are sold,  
2130 leased or rented. In addition, any such nonconforming sign shall require a permit and be made  
2131 conforming by October 9, 2000.  
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2133 **J. Construction Signs**  
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2135 Construction signs for commercially zoned property shall comply with the regulations of Section  
2136 21.16.280.  
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2138 **K Signs in Restricted Business Zone**  
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2140 Signs shall comply with the following:  
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- 2142 1. No roof signs shall be allowed;  
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2144 2. No freestanding signs shall be allowed, except ground signs in accordance with the  
2145 regulations of this section; and  
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2147 3. Building signs shall comply with the regulations of this section. All building signs shall  
2148 be non-internally illuminated, except for individual letter signs and signs with opaque  
2149 sign face backgrounds that only allow letters and/or business logos or graphics to be  
2150 visible at night. Signs on buildings facades oriented toward nearby Residential zones  
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L. Signs in the East 196th PCD Overlay

LE. Signage Signs

a. Objectives

- i. Signs shall be of high quality. It is recognized that individual ~~commercial establishments~~ businesses must be properly identified, but it is also recognized that ~~signages~~ signs should be the minimum necessary to provide such identification. Excessively large signs ~~and flashing or animated signs~~ are recognized as being inconsistent with the existing character of the area and will be discouraged. ~~Standards for illumination and structural integrity shall be as specified in Section 21.46.500 of the Zoning Code or other applicable City regulations. Sign size and location shall be as specified by Section 21.46.500 of the Zoning Code for business signs, provided however not more than one free-standing sign per site per street frontage shall be permitted.~~ While free-standing signs of high quality may be allowed for area identification, emphasis shall be placed upon use of building face signs where they will function as effectively as a free-standing sign. Where possible, signs shall be coordinated in scale and materials with those currently used on adjacent sites within the district.

b. Regulations

Signs shall be subject to the following:

- i. No more than one freestanding sign per business site per street frontage;
- ii. Sign area, location, height and design shall comply with the regulations of this Section; and
- iii. Signs shall comply with the illumination regulations of this chapter; and
- iv. New pole or monument signs in the PCD zone shall require a Special Use Permit; however, new ground signs and building signs shall not require a Special Use Permit.
- v. Modification of existing signs that are part of a previously approval Special Use Permit shall be subject to the regulations of LMC 1.35.180.

ME. Sign Variances

Requests to relax standards of this Section shall be processed as variances and shall meet all the criteria for granting of variances, unless otherwise provided for. In considering any application for a variance to relax the required setback for pole or monument signs (~~freestanding signs over 4 feet in height~~), the Hearing Examiner shall take into account the following factors and all others in the public interest in determining whether special circumstances exist which warrant a variance:

- 2202 1. The extent to which vegetation and/or topography of the subject and/or adjacent properties
- 2203 would obscure a pole sign at the required setback on the subject property, provided that
- 2204 removal of the obstructing vegetation and/or topography is beyond the control of the owner
- 2205 of the subject property or contrary to City policies or ordinances.
- 2206 2. The size of the subject property as it relates to possible locations for the proposed sign.
- 2207 3. The extent to which nearby existing pole or monument signs located at less than the required
- 2208 setback would obscure a pole sign at the required setback on the subject property.
- 2209 4. The extent to which visibility of the proposed sign might be enhanced by mounting the sign
- 2210 lower or higher (but not exceeding the required height limit) than nearby obstructions, rather
- 2211 than by reducing the required setback.
- 2212 5. The width, alignment, and extent of improvement of right-of-way toward which the proposed
- 2213 sign would be oriented, insofar as this determines the angle at which the sign would be
- 2214 viewed by the traveling public.
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2216 If the Hearing Examiner determines that a variance to relax a ~~standard~~ pole or monument sign  
 2217 setback is warranted the Examiner may require periodic review of any reduction granted and/or  
 2218 provisions for eventual relocation to the required setback if existing and anticipated future  
 2219 conditions so indicate. If provisions for relocation appear appropriate, the Examiner may require  
 2220 installation of wiring and a foundation at the required setback concurrent with erection of the sign  
 2221 at a lesser setback and a bond or other suitable guarantee of relocation.

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 2223 **21.46.120(F)(1) Signs for Controlled Uses in General Commercial Area**

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 2225 1. Signage

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 2227 ~~All sign regulations throughout the Controlled Use Area shall be as follows:~~

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 2229 a. ~~Wall Signs~~

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 2231 ~~Sign programs in which each tenant has its own wall sign shall meet the following standards:~~

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- 2233 ~~i. All wall signs on the site shall be of a uniform color and letter style compatible with building~~
- 2234 ~~materials used elsewhere on the site;~~
- 2235 ~~ii. There shall be not more than one wall sign per business, the top of such wall signs shall not~~
- 2236 ~~be higher than the top of the first floor of the building;~~
- 2237 ~~iii. The maximum sign area of individual tenant wall signs shall be 8 square feet, the maximum~~
- 2238 ~~height of letters shall not exceed 24 inches;~~
- 2239 ~~iv. The wall signs shall not be illuminated either internally or externally;~~
- 2240 ~~v. The wall signs shall be constructed with materials which minimize reflective capabilities;~~
- 2241 ~~vi. The sign shall be printed on or mounted flush against the wall and shall have no moving~~
- 2242 ~~parts;~~
- 2243 ~~vii. Sign components must be securely attached to the wall and must not be temporary or~~
- 2244 ~~removable.~~
- 2245 ~~viii. The sign shall be located on the building frontage occupied by the tenant to which the sign~~
- 2246 ~~relates, and~~
- 2247 ~~ix. Tenants which share a common exterior entrance shall be restricted to a total of 8 square feet~~
- 2248 ~~of wall sign area.~~
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~~b. Building Wall Signs~~

~~The following additional signage is allowed only to buildings of two or more stories, not including basements, in which a single tenant occupies 51% or more of the floor area. In addition to each tenant having a wall sign, the sign program that is reviewed in connection with development plan approval may provide for a wall sign generally representative of the building, i.e. a building wall sign. Such building wall sign shall meet the following standards:~~

- ~~i. Except as otherwise provided all building wall signs on the site shall conform to the wall sign standards for the LI Zone.~~
- ~~ii. The maximum height of letters of any building wall sign shall not exceed 24 inches; and~~
- ~~iii. The length of the building wall sign shall be no more than 50% of the length of the elevation on which the sign is mounted.~~

~~c. Ground Signs~~

~~Ground signs may be allowed if necessary in order to direct traffic to points of access to the site, and subject to the following:~~

- ~~i. Except as otherwise provided all ground signs on the site shall conform to the wall sign standards for the LI Zone.~~
- ~~ii. A maximum of two ground signs are allowed per street per property, 300 feet apart.~~
- ~~iii. The maximum height shall be 3' 6".~~
- ~~iv. The maximum area shall be 25 sq. ft. per side.~~
- ~~v. The signs shall be located a minimum of 5 feet from the public right of way unless an alternate setback is specifically approved as part of development plan approval.~~

**21.16.320 Signs in Planned Regional Shopping Center Zone**

~~Signs identifying the shopping center complex shall be set back at least two (2) feet from the property line.~~

Only the following signs are permitted, subject to the following limitations:

**A. Identifications Signs**

Signs identifying the shopping center are permitted; however, the number shall not exceed the number of public streets abutting the property; Such signs may be either monument or pole signs and shall be subject to the setback, sign area and height regulations of Section 21.16.310.

**B. Wall Signs**

Wall signs are permitted, provided such signs shall be subject to the development standards for signs in Commercial Zones (see Section 21.16.500) regulations of Section 21.16.310(B), except wall signs are only allowed on building frontages.

~~C. Off-Site Signs~~



2298 ~~Signs separated from an establishment may be allowed by the Hearing Examiner through the~~  
2299 ~~process for appeals of administrative determinations if the Examiner finds that the signs would be~~  
2300 ~~consistent with the intent of this section.~~

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2302 **CD. Non-Illuminated Real Estate Signs**

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2304 ~~An unlighted sign pertaining to the rental, lease or sale of the premises upon which it is displayed~~  
2305 ~~is permitted. Real estate signs shall comply with the regulations of Section 21.16.310(I).~~

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2307 **DE. Construction Signs**

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2309 Construction signs shall comply with the regulations of Section 21.16.280.

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2311 **(21.48.510) PROHIBITED SIGNS**

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2313 ~~Blinking or flashing signs are prohibited, and illuminated signs shall not be permitted~~  
2314 ~~within the area of the setback for buildings except for signs identifying the shopping~~  
2315 ~~center; see Subsection 21.48.200.A, above.~~

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2317 **21.16.330 Signs in Industrial Zones**

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2319 **A. Objectives**

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2321 ~~Signage p~~Permitted signs should be the minimum necessary for the expected business  
2322 uses, and should also reflect the transitional nature of the applicable zone by minimizing  
2323 light, glare, and other adverse signage impacts on nearby residences. ~~Signs must comply~~  
2324 with the following standards.

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2326 **B. Signs at Transitional Sites**

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2328 ~~On transitional sites where a sign program has been established, signs may be allowed by~~  
2329 ~~development plan approval, new signs or modification of existing signs may be allowed~~  
2330 ~~per the limitations of the sign program or amendment thereto. (See Section 1.35.180.)~~  
2331 ~~The applicant shall propose a sign program and, if approved, all signs on the site shall~~  
2332 ~~comply with it. The program shall specify the design, size, and location for each sign.~~  
2333 ~~Sign programs may provide for each tenant to have a wall sign and/or may include a~~  
2334 ~~building wall sign relating to the building instead of specific tenants, as provided below.~~  
2335 ~~The review of the sign program under development plan approval shall consider the~~  
2336 ~~extent to which the sign program adheres to the sign standards and the general aesthetic~~  
2337 ~~objectives of the applicable zone, and the general purpose of the city's sign regulations.~~  
2338 Only the following signs shall be allowed for new development on sites zoned Industrial  
2339 and shall be subject to the following regulations. Such signs do not require development  
2340 plan approval.

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2342 **1. Individual Tenant Wall Signs at Transitional Sites**

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2344 Sign programs in which each tenant has its own wall sign shall meet the following  
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- a) All ~~wall signs on the site~~ shall be of a uniform color and letter style compatible with building materials used elsewhere on the site;
- b) There shall be not more than one ~~wall sign~~ per business,
- c) The top of such ~~wall signs~~ shall not be higher than the top of the ~~first floor of the building~~;
- d) The ~~maximum sign area of individual tenant wall signs~~ shall be ~~8 square feet per~~ the regulations of Section 21.16.310(B);
- e) ~~The maximum height of letters shall not exceed 24 inches;~~
- ef) The ~~wall signs~~ shall not be internally illuminated either internally or externally and signs on building facades oriented toward nearby residential zones shall not be externally illuminated;
- fg) The ~~wall signs~~ shall be constructed with materials which minimize reflective capabilities;
- h. ~~The sign shall be printed on or mounted flush against the wall and shall have no moving parts;~~
- i. ~~Sign components must be securely attached to the wall and must not be temporary or removable.~~
- gj. ~~The sSigns shall only be located on the building frontage occupied by the tenant to which the sign relates; and~~
- k. ~~Tenants which share a common exterior entrance shall be restricted to a total of 8 square feet of wall sign area.~~
- h. No roof signs shall be allowed.

### C3. Wall Signs at General Sites

#### 1. Sites in the Business and Technical Park Zone

- a) All signs shall be of a uniform color and letter style compatible with building materials used elsewhere on the site;
- b) The top of such signs shall not be higher than the top of the building
- c) The maximum sign area shall be per the regulations of Section 21.16.310(B);
- d) Signs shall not be internally illuminated except for individual letter signs and signs with opaque sign face backgrounds that only allow letters and/or business logos or graphics to be visible at night;
- e) Signs on building facades oriented toward nearby residential zones shall not be illuminated;
- f) The signs shall be constructed with materials which minimize reflective capabilities; and
- g). No roof signs shall be allowed.

#### 2. Building Wall Signs

The following additional signage is allowed only to buildings of two or more stories, not including basements, in which a single tenant occupies 51% or more of the floor area. In addition to each tenant having a wall sign (in the BTP Zone, the following signage is an alternative to the Individual Tenant Wall Signs discussed above), the sign program that is reviewed in connection with development plan approval may

2395 provide for a wall sign generally representative of the building, i.e. a building wall  
2396 sign. Such building wall sign shall meet the following standards:  
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2398 a) ~~Except as otherwise provided all building wall signs on the site shall conform to~~  
2399 ~~the Individual Tenant Wall Sign standards, above. (In addition, in the BTP Zone,~~  
2400 ~~the above sign that is representative of the building is not restricted to being~~  
2401 ~~located on any particular tenant's space, or to the maximum sign area indicated~~  
2402 ~~above.)~~  
2403 b) ~~The maximum height of letters of any building wall sign shall not exceed 24~~  
2404 ~~inches;~~  
2405 c) ~~The length of the building wall sign shall be no more than 50% of the length of~~  
2406 ~~the elevation on which the sign is mounted.~~  
2407 d) ~~In the BTP Zone, signs as provided for individual tenants, above, shall be limited~~  
2408 ~~to the first floor.~~  
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### 23. Ground Signs

2410 Ground signs ~~may~~ shall be allowed if ~~necessary in order to direct traffic to points of~~  
2411 ~~access to the site, and~~ subject to the following regulations:

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2415 a) ~~Except as otherwise provided a~~All ground signs ~~on the site~~ shall conform to the  
2416 ~~wall sign standards, above~~ regulations of Section 21.16.310(A); and  
2417 b) A maximum of two ground signs are allowed per street per property, and spaced  
2418 at least 300 feet apart.  
2419 c) ~~The maximum height shall be 3' 6",~~  
2420 d) ~~The maximum area shall be 25 sq. ft. per side.~~  
2421 e) ~~The signs shall be located a minimum of 5 feet from the public right of way~~  
2422 ~~unless an alternate setback is specifically approved as part of development plan~~  
2423 ~~approval.~~  
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### 4. Directional Freestanding Signs

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2427 ~~This additional signage is provided in order that there may be sufficient signs to~~  
2428 ~~direct traffic within a site. Such signs shall be subject to the following standards:~~

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2430 a) ~~The maximum size per side shall be 65 square feet.~~  
2431 b) ~~The maximum height shall be 15 feet.~~  
2432 c) ~~The sign shall be located a minimum of 50 feet from the street right of way, or~~  
2433 ~~the same setback as the building nearest the street, whichever is greater.~~  
2434 d) ~~No more than one such sign shall be allowed per site ingress.~~  
2435 e) ~~There shall be no internal illumination; any external illumination shall be~~  
2436 ~~uncolored and non-blinking.~~  
2437 f) ~~The sign is to be oriented or screened for viewing from within the site, and not~~  
2438 ~~from the street or adjacent properties.~~  
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2440 On general sites, ground signs and freestanding signs as regulated above are subject  
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2442 approval and the standards shall be the same. Wall signs are permitted outright,  
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~~Wall signs shall be printed on or mounted flush against the wall, shall not extend above the wall, and otherwise shall be regulated by the same limitations and restrictions as ground signs except for location, height, and sign area. The total allowable sign area for wall signs and ground signs, is 80 square feet per site or 10 square feet per tenant, whichever is greater, for each abutting public street. Up to 80 square feet of the sign area may be used by a single tenant. Only the sign area relating to each street may face that street or be oriented to it.~~

~~For buildings of two or more stories, the alternative provisions for wall signs on transitional sites shall also be available on general sites, subject to the same standards as on transitional sites, but shall be permitted outright.~~

## ~~2. Sites in the Light Industrial Zone~~

~~On general sites, signs allowed in transitional sites are permitted outright, subject to the following:~~

- ~~a) Except as otherwise provided all signs shall comply with the appropriate sign standards for a transitional sites;~~
- ~~b) The total allowable cumulative sign area for wall signs and ground signs, is 80 square feet per site for each abutting public street or 10 square feet per tenant, whichever is greater. Up to 80 square feet of the allowable sign area may be used by a single tenant. Only the sign area relating to each street may face that street or be oriented to it.~~

## 4. Real Estate Signs

Real estate signs shall comply with the regulations of Section 21.16.310(I).

## 5. Construction Signs

Construction signs shall comply with the regulations of Section 21.16.280.

## 21.16.340 Signs in Mixed Use/Transit Supportive/Business Zone

### A. Objectives

- ~~A. Signs shall be of high quality, and~~
- ~~B. Signage should be the minimum necessary to provide such identification.~~
- ~~C. Excessively large signs and flashing or animated signs are recognized as being inconsistent with the existing character of the area and will be discouraged.~~
- ~~D. Standards for illumination and structural integrity shall be as specified in Section 21.46.500 of the Zoning Code or other applicable City regulations.~~
- ~~E. Sign size and location shall be as specified by Section 21.46.500 of the Zoning Code for business signs.~~
- ~~F. Not more than one free standing sign per site per street frontage shall be permitted.~~
- ~~G. While free-standing signs of high quality may be allowed for area identification, emphasis shall be placed upon use of building face signs where they will function as effectively as a free-standing sign.~~

2493 ~~H~~ Where possible, signs shall be coordinated in scale and materials with those currently used on  
2494 adjacent sites within the zone.

2495 B. Regulations

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2497 Commercial, real estate and construction signs are permitted provided:

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2499 1. No more than one commercial freestanding sign per business site per street frontage

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2501 2. Commercial sign area, location, height and design shall comply with the regulations of  
2502 Section 21.16.310; and

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2504 3. Signs shall comply with the illumination regulations of this chapter.

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2506 4. Construction signs shall comply with the regulations of Section 21.16.280.

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2508 5. Real estate signs shall comply with the regulations of Section 21.16.310(I).

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2510 **Section 43. Amendment.** That Subsection 21.46.910(E) of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is  
2511 hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

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2513 **21.46.910 East 196th PCD Overlay Regulations**

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2515 **E. Signage Signs**

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2517 See Section 21.16.310 for sign regulations.

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2519 ~~Signs shall be of high quality. It is recognized that individual commercial establishments must be~~  
2520 ~~properly identified, but it is also recognized that signage should be the minimum necessary to~~  
2521 ~~provide such identification. Excessively large signs and flashing or animated signs are~~  
2522 ~~recognized as being inconsistent with the existing character of the area and will be discouraged.~~

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2524 ~~Standards for illumination and structural integrity shall be as specified in Section 21.46.500 of~~  
2525 ~~the Zoning Code or other applicable City regulations. Sign size and location shall be as specified~~  
2526 ~~by Section 21.46.500 of the Zoning Code for business signs, provided however not more than~~  
2527 ~~one free standing sign per site per street frontage shall be permitted.~~

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2529 ~~While free standing signs of high quality may be allowed for area identification, emphasis shall~~  
2530 ~~be placed upon use of building face signs where they will function as effectively as a free-~~  
2531 ~~standing sign.~~

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2533 ~~Where possible, signs shall be coordinated in scale and materials with those currently used on~~  
2534 ~~adjacent sites within the district.~~

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2536 **Section 44. Amendment.** That Subsection 21.48.111(B) of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is  
2537 hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

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2539 **21.48.111 Limitation On Uses - Auto Oriented Uses**

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2541 **B. Full Service Stations, Self Service Stations, and Gas Stations**

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2543 **2. Development Standards**

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2545 In addition to the Development Standards listed above, development of Full Service Stations, Self  
2546 Service Stations, and Gas Stations, and Convenience Stores when combined with any of these  
2547 stations shall comply with the following standards:

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2549 **a. Minimum Street Frontage**

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150 feet of frontage is necessary for street frontages which have two accesses.  
2551 This figure can be reduced appropriately if the number of curb cuts are also  
2552 reduced.

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2554 **b. Minimum Lot Area: .**

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As provided for the applicable zone

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2557 **c. Minimum Setbacks for Buildings and Canopies:**

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- d. Site Screening Standards for Side Yard and Rear Yard:  
As provided for the applicable zone
- e. Off Street Parking and Landscaping:  
Same as Chapter 21.18 except that a 20-foot wide landscaping strip shall be required along the street frontage. This 20-foot landscaping strip is in lieu of the five percent (5%) landscaping required in the interior of the parking area.
- f. Street Standards:  
All public rights of way shall be fully improved to the center of the street with paving, curb, gutter, and sidewalk to city standards.
- g. Driveways:  
Driveways shall be designed and located according to Public Works Department standards.
- h. Separation Between Parking and Pump Islands  
Where there are parking stalls backing up to pump islands, the minimum distance between pump islands and off-street parking shall be 40 feet from the end of stall to the pump island.
- i. Signs:  
~~As allowed for other Commercial Uses.~~ See Section 21.16.320 for sign regulations.

**Section 45. Amendment.** That Subsection 21.48.200(A) of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

**21.48.200 Development Standards**

**A. Minimum Setbacks**

There shall be a minimum setback for buildings of fifty feet from any public street right-of-way and fifty feet from any property line adjoining an RS or RM zone, with the following exceptions:

1. Buildings which are to be used for professional offices, and which do not exceed a height of twenty-five feet above the average finished grade around the foundation of the building, shall be set back fifty feet from any property line adjoining an RS Zone and twenty-five feet from any property line adjoining an RM Zone; and
2. ~~Signs identifying the chopping center complex shall be set back at least two feet from the property line.~~ See Section 21.16.320 for sign regulations.

2607 **Section 46. Amendment.** That Section 21.48.500 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby  
2608 repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

2609  
2610 **21.48.500 Signs**

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2612 ~~Only the following signs are permitted, subject to the following limitations: See Section~~  
2613 ~~21.16.320 for sign regulations.~~

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2615 **Section 47. Amendment.** That Section 21.48.510 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby  
2616 repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

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2618 **21.48.510 Prohibited Signs**

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2620 ~~See Section 21.16.320 for sign regulations.~~

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2622 ~~Blinking or flashing signs are prohibited, and illuminated signs shall not be permitted within the~~  
2623 ~~area of the setback for buildings except for signs identifying the shopping center; see Subsection~~  
2624 ~~21.48.200.A, above.~~

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2626 **Section 48. Amendment.** That Section 21.50.500 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby  
2627 repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

2628  
2629 **21.50.500 SIGNS**

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2631 ~~See Section 21.16.330 for sign regulations.~~

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2633 ~~A. Objectives~~

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2635 ~~Signage permitted should be the minimum necessary for the expected business uses, and~~  
2636 ~~should also reflect the transitional nature of the applicable zone by minimizing light, glare,~~  
2637 ~~and other adverse signage impacts on nearby residences. Signs must comply with the~~  
2638 ~~following standards.~~

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2640 ~~B. Signs at Transitional Sites~~

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2642 ~~On transitional sites, signs may be allowed by development plan approval, or amendment~~  
2643 ~~thereto. The applicant shall propose a sign program and, if approved, all signs on the site~~  
2644 ~~shall comply with it. The program shall specify the design, size, and location for each~~  
2645 ~~sign. Sign programs may provide for each tenant to have a wall sign and/or may include~~  
2646 ~~a building wall sign relating to the building instead of specific tenants, as provided~~  
2647 ~~below. The review of the sign program under development plan approval shall consider~~  
2648 ~~the extent to which the sign program adheres to the sign standards and the general~~  
2649 ~~aesthetic objectives of the applicable zone, and the general purpose of the city's sign~~  
2650 ~~regulations.~~

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2652 ~~1. Individual Tenant Wall Signs~~

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2654 ~~Sign programs in which each tenant has its own wall sign shall meet the following~~  
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- ~~a) All wall signs on the site shall be of a uniform color and letter style compatible with building materials used elsewhere on the site;~~
- ~~b) There shall be not more than one wall sign per business;~~
- ~~c) The top of such wall signs shall not be higher than the top of the first floor of the building;~~
- ~~d) The maximum sign area of individual tenant wall signs shall be 8 square feet;~~
- ~~e) The maximum height of letters shall not exceed 24 inches;~~
- ~~f) The wall signs shall not be illuminated either internally or externally;~~
- ~~g) The wall signs shall be constructed with materials which minimize reflective capabilities;~~
- ~~h) The sign shall be printed on or mounted flush against the wall and shall have no moving parts;~~
- ~~i) Sign components must be securely attached to the wall and must not be temporary or removable;~~
- ~~j) The sign shall be located on the building frontage occupied by the tenant to which the sign relates, and~~
- ~~k) Tenants which share a common exterior entrance shall be restricted to a total of 8 square feet of wall sign area.~~

## ~~2. Building Wall Signs~~

~~The following additional signage is allowed only to buildings of two or more stories, not including basements, in which a single tenant occupies 51% or more of the floor area. In addition to each tenant having a wall sign (in the BTP Zone, the following signage is an alternative to the Individual Tenant Wall Signs discussed above), the sign program that is reviewed in connection with development plan approval may provide for a wall sign generally representative of the building, i.e. a building wall sign. Such building wall sign shall meet the following standards:~~

- ~~a) Except as otherwise provided all building wall signs on the site shall conform to the Individual Tenant Wall Sign standards, above. (In addition, in the BTP Zone, the above sign that is representative of the building is not restricted to being located on any particular tenant's space, or to the maximum sign area indicated above.)~~
- ~~b) The maximum height of letters of any building wall sign shall not exceed 24 inches;~~
- ~~c) The length of the building wall sign shall be no more than 50% of the length of the elevation on which the sign is mounted.~~
- ~~d) In the BTP Zone, signs as provided for individual tenants, above, shall be limited to the first floor.~~

## ~~3. Ground Signs~~

~~Ground signs may be allowed if necessary in order to direct traffic to points of access to the site, and subject to the following:~~

- ~~a) Except as otherwise provided all ground signs on the site shall conform to the wall sign standards, above.~~

- 2705 b) ~~A maximum of two ground signs are allowed per street per property, 300 feet~~  
2706 ~~apart.~~  
2707 c) ~~The maximum height shall be 3' 6".~~  
2708 d) ~~The maximum area shall be 25 sq. ft. per side.~~  
2709 e) ~~The signs shall be located a minimum of 5 feet from the public right of way~~  
2710 ~~unless an alternate setback is specifically approved as part of development plan~~  
2711 ~~approval.~~  
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#### 4. ~~Directional Freestanding Signs~~

~~This additional signage is provided in order that there may be sufficient signs to direct traffic within a site. Such signs shall be subject to the following standards:~~

- 2718 a) ~~The maximum size per side shall be 65 square feet.~~  
2719 b) ~~The maximum height shall be 15 feet.~~  
2720 c) ~~The sign shall be located a minimum of 50 feet from the street right of way, or~~  
2721 ~~the same setback as the building nearest the street, whichever is greater.~~  
2722 d) ~~No more than one such sign shall be allowed per site ingress.~~  
2723 e) ~~There shall be no internal illumination; any external illumination shall be~~  
2724 ~~uncolored and non-blinking.~~  
2725 f) ~~The sign is to be oriented or screened for viewing from within the site, and not~~  
2726 ~~from the street or adjacent properties.~~  
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### C. ~~Signs at General Sites~~

#### 1. ~~Sites in the Business and Technical Park Zone~~

2732 ~~On general sites, ground signs and freestanding signs as regulated above are subject~~  
2733 ~~to conditional use permits instead of development plan approval, but the criteria for~~  
2734 ~~approval and the standards shall be the same. Wall signs are permitted outright,~~  
2735 ~~subject to the following:~~  
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2737 ~~Wall signs shall be printed on or mounted flush against the wall, shall not extend~~  
2738 ~~above the wall, and otherwise shall be regulated by the same limitations and~~  
2739 ~~restrictions as ground signs except for location, height, and sign area. The total~~  
2740 ~~allowable sign area for wall signs and ground signs, is 80 square feet per site or 10~~  
2741 ~~square feet per tenant, whichever is greater, for each abutting public street. Up to 80~~  
2742 ~~square feet of the sign area may be used by a single tenant. Only the sign area~~  
2743 ~~relating to each street may face that street or be oriented to it.~~  
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2745 ~~For buildings of two or more stories, the alternative provisions for wall signs on~~  
2746 ~~transitional sites shall also be available on general sites, subject to the same standards~~  
2747 ~~as on transitional sites, but shall be permitted outright.~~  
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#### 2. ~~Sites in the Light Industrial Zone~~

2750 ~~On general sites, signs allowed in transitional sites are permitted outright, subject to~~  
2751 ~~the following:~~  
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- 2754 a) ~~Except as otherwise provided all signs shall comply with the appropriate sign~~  
2755 ~~standards for a transitional sites;~~  
2756 b) ~~The total allowable cumulative sign area for wall signs and ground signs, is 80~~  
2757 ~~square feet per site for each abutting public street or 10 square feet per tenant,~~  
2758 ~~whichever is greater. Up to 80 square feet of the allowable sign area may be~~  
2759 ~~used by a single tenant. Only the sign area relating to each street may face that~~  
2760 ~~street or be oriented to it.~~

2761 (~~Ord. 2020 ss21 [part], 1994: Ord. 1766 ss1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1990: Ord. 1603, 1987: Ord. 1575~~  
2762 ~~ss3, 1987: Ord. 1361 ss1, 1983: Ord. 1036 ss2 [part], 1979).~~

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2764 **Section 49. Amendment.** That Section 21.52.500 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby  
2765 repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

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2767 **21.52.500-SIGNAGESIGNS**

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2769 See Section 21.16.340 for sign regulations.

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2771 ~~A. Signs shall be of high quality.~~  
2772 ~~B. Signage should be the minimum necessary to provide such identification.~~  
2773 ~~C. Excessively large signs and flashing or animated signs.~~  
2774 ~~D. Standards for illumination and structural integrity shall be as specified in Section 21.46.500~~  
2775 ~~of the Zoning Code or other applicable City regulations.~~  
2776 ~~E. Sign size and location shall be as specified by Section 21.46.500 of the Zoning Code for~~  
2777 ~~business signs.~~  
2778 ~~F. Not more than one free standing sign per site per street frontage shall be permitted.~~  
2779 ~~G. While free standing signs of high quality may be allowed for area identification, emphasis~~  
2780 ~~shall be placed upon use of building face signs where they will function as effectively as a~~  
2781 ~~free standing sign.~~  
2782 ~~H. Where possible, signs shall be coordinated in scale and materials with those currently used on~~  
2783 ~~adjacent sites within the zone.~~

2784 (~~Ord. 2020 ss22 [part], 1994: Ord. 1947 ss11, 1994).~~

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2786 **Section 50. Amendment.** That Section 21.54.500 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby  
2787 repealed, revised and amended to read as follows:

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2789 **21.54.500 SIGNS**

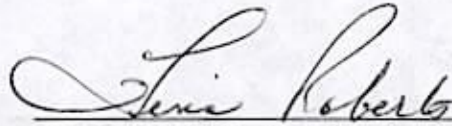
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2791 Wall signs and freestanding signs shall be allowed, as provided in ~~the regulations for signs in the~~  
2792 ~~BC (Community Business) zone~~ Section 21.16.310, except that:

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2794 A. Freestanding signs, other than monument signs and directional signs, are prohibited.  
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2796 B. The maximum height of a freestanding sign in this zone shall be ten feet.

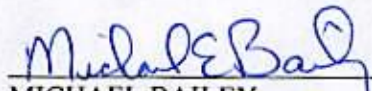
**Section 51. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdictions, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance.

**Section 52. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force sixty-five (65) days after its passage, approval and publication.


PASSED this 10th of April, 2000, and signed in authentication of its passage this 1st day of May, 2000.

  
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TINA ROBERTS, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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MICHAEL BAILEY  
Finance Director

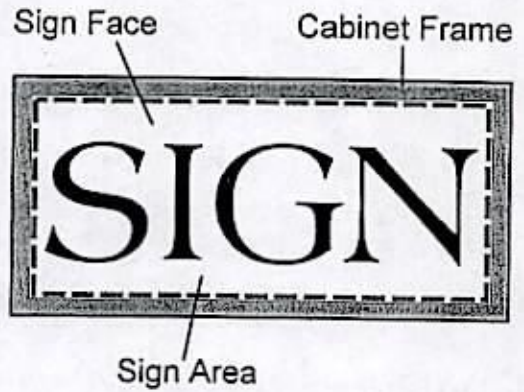
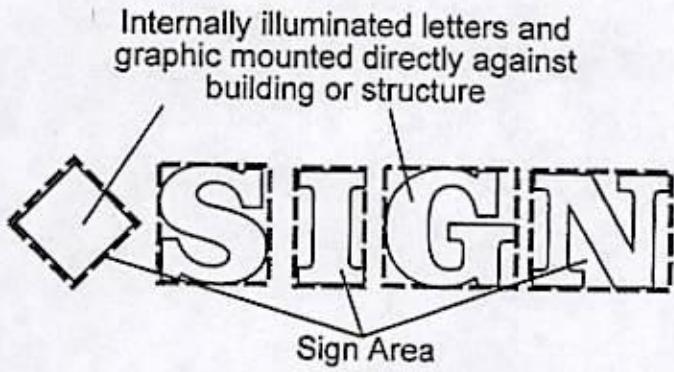
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Lynnwood City Attorney

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Figure 1

# Sign Area Calculation



"V" Type Sign

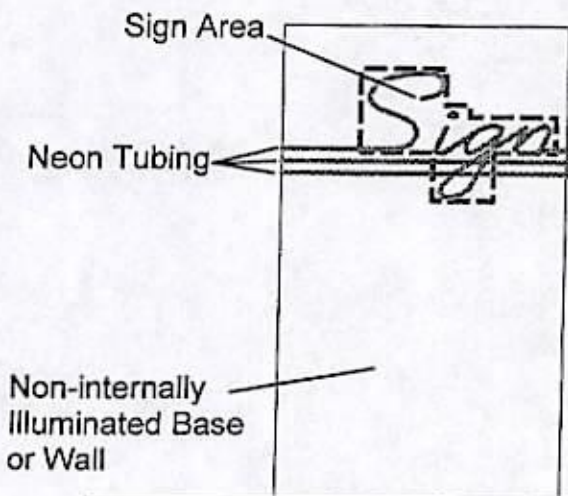
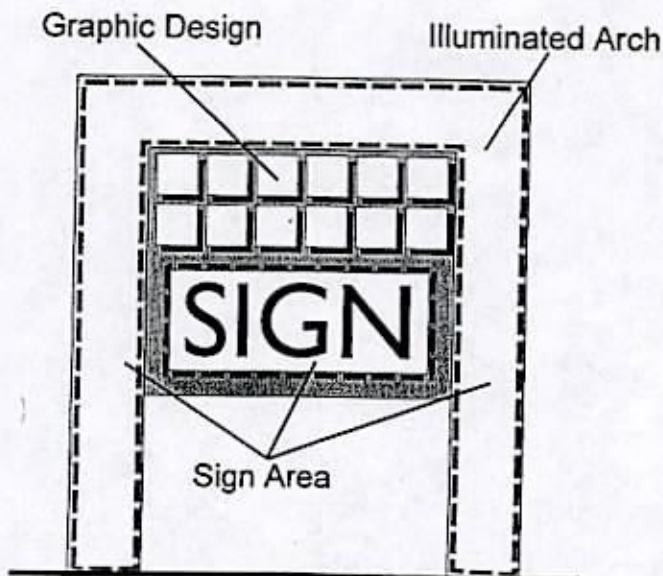
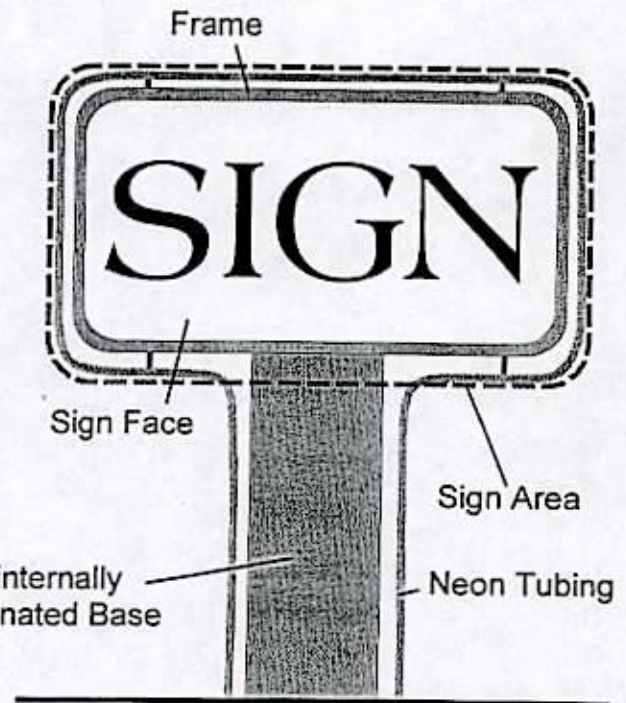


Figure 1

# Sign Area Calculation

Non-rigid awnings not to extend above top of roof.

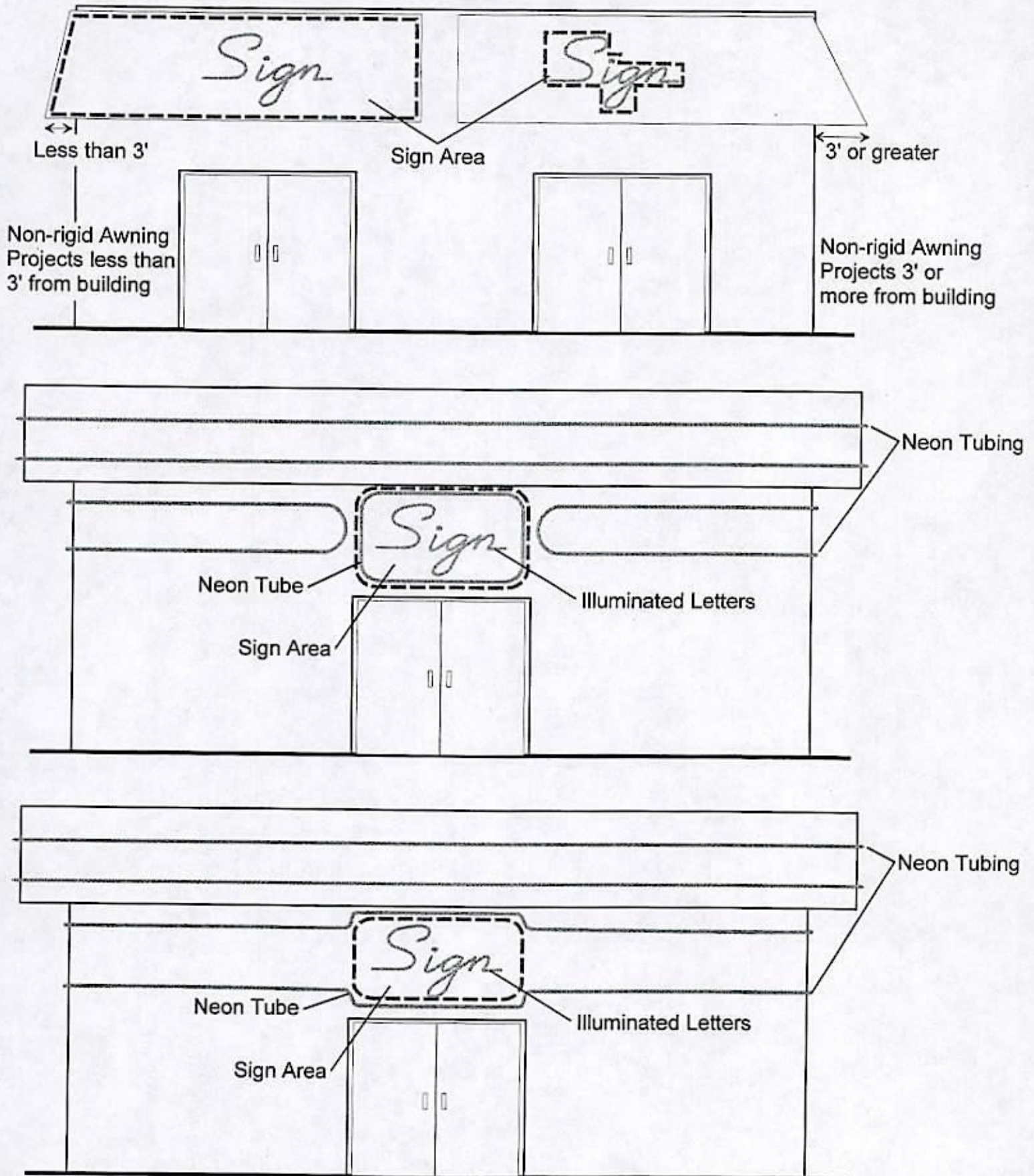
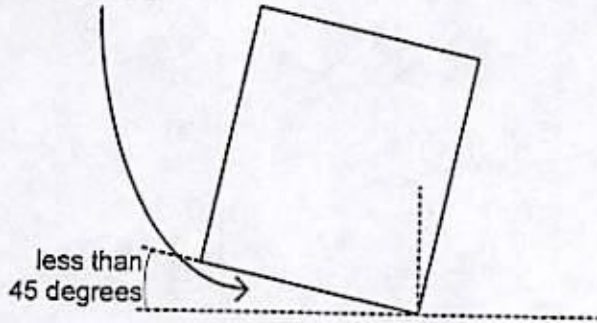


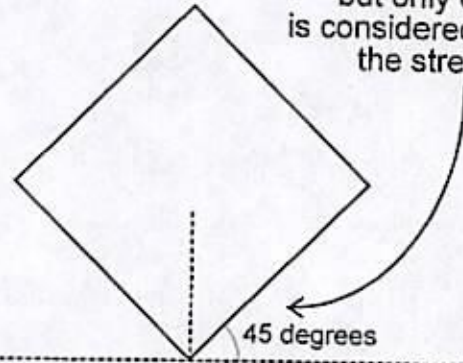
Figure 2

# Building Frontage

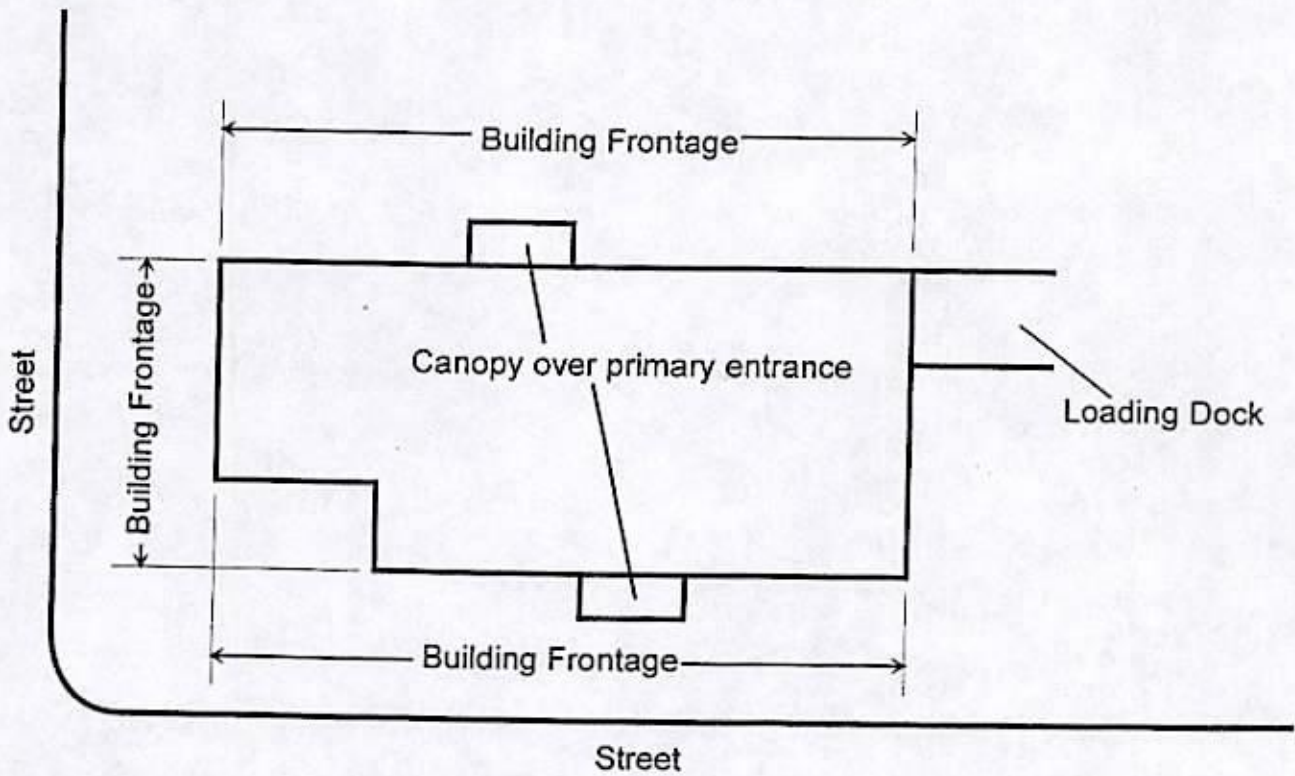
With building at less than 45 degree angle to the street, this building facade is considered facing the street.



With building at 45 degree angle to the street, either facade, but only one, is considered facing the street.



Street



# Pole Signs

## Figure 3

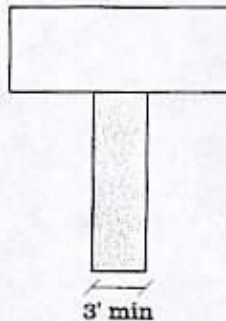
### Pole sign design criteria:

**One Sign Support:** Width of sign base/support shall be at least three (3) feet wide.

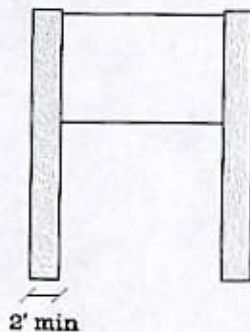
**Two or More Sign Supports:** Vertical sign supports may extend beyond the outside edge of the sign face(s). There shall be no gaps between the sign supports and sign face(s). No individual sign support shall be less than two (2) feet wide.

**Materials and Design:** Sign and base shall be constructed of building materials that are easily maintained and maintain their shape, color, texture and appearance over time. The exterior of the sign and base shall use materials and color similar to those of the primary buildings on the same property. The design of the sign and base shall be similar and complementary with the architecture of the primary buildings on the same property.

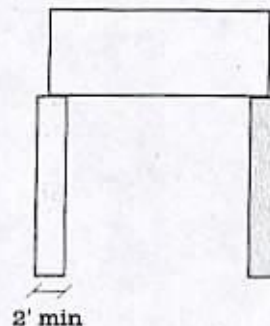
The sign design criteria would allow the basic sign forms illustrated below:



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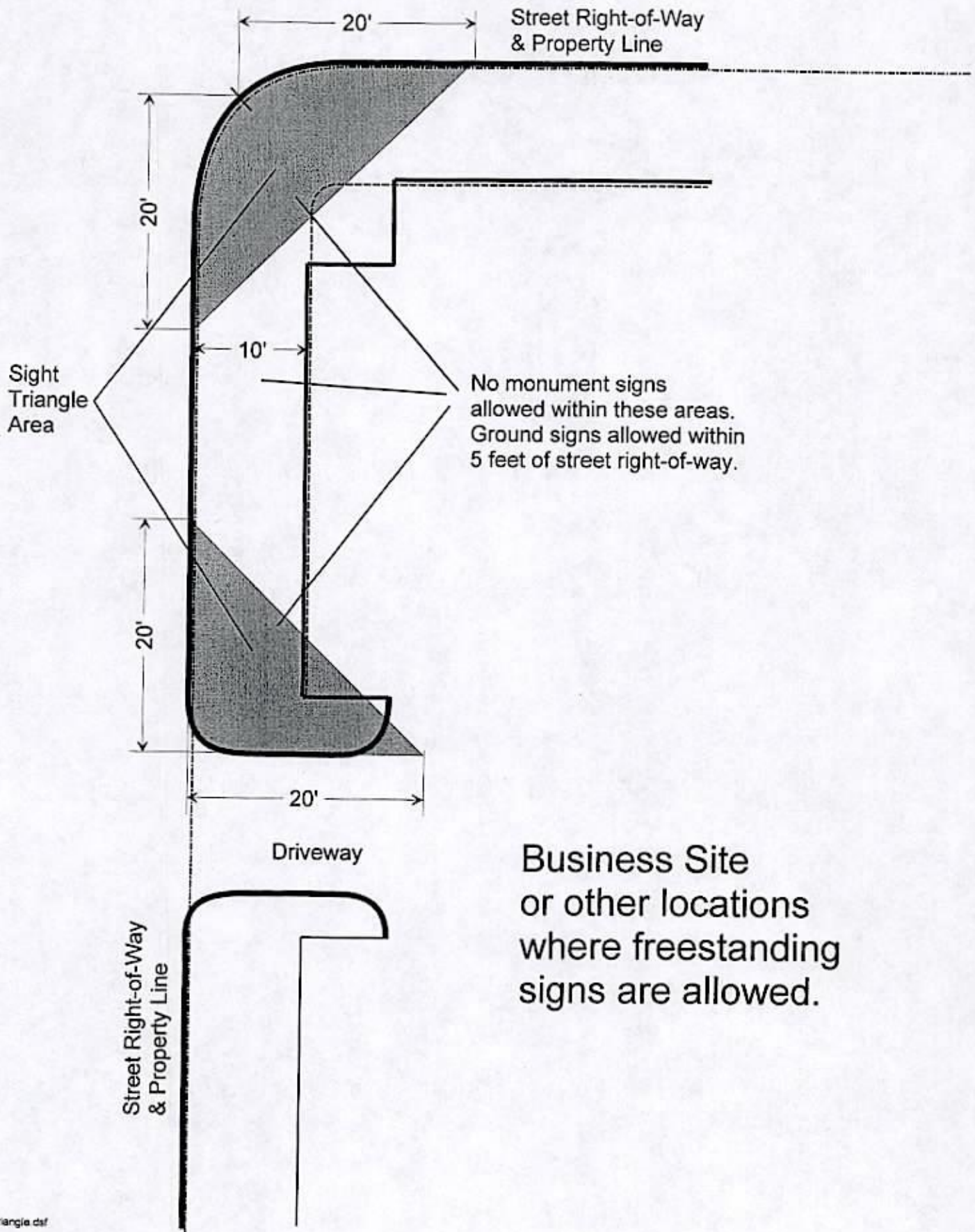


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# Sight Triangle

Figure 4



# Monument Signs

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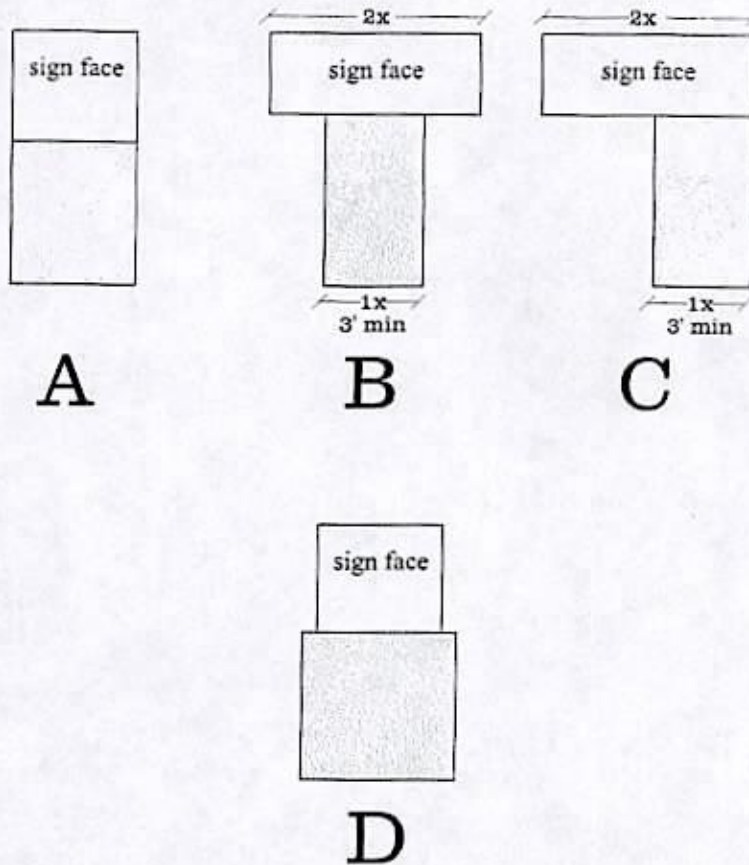
## Monument sign design criteria:

**Sign Base:** The sign base/support shall be solid and width of sign base shall be at least 50% of sign face length. No sign base shall be less than three (3) feet wide. There shall be no gaps between the sign base and sign face(s).

**Materials and Design:** Sign and base shall be constructed of building materials that are easily maintained and maintain their shape, color, texture and appearance over time. The exterior of the sign and base shall use materials and color similar to those of the primary buildings on the same property. The design of the sign and base shall be similar and complementary with the architecture of the primary buildings on the same property.

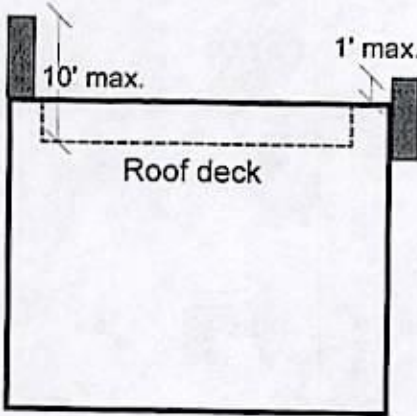
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The sign design criteria would allow the basic sign forms illustrated below:

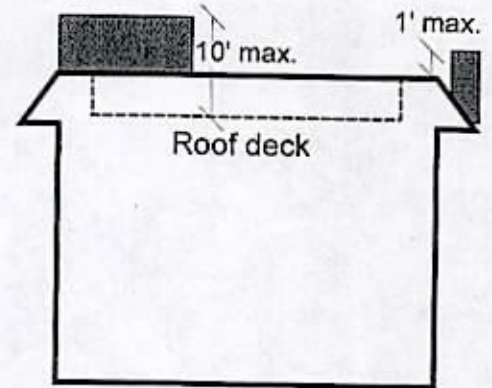


# Roof Signs

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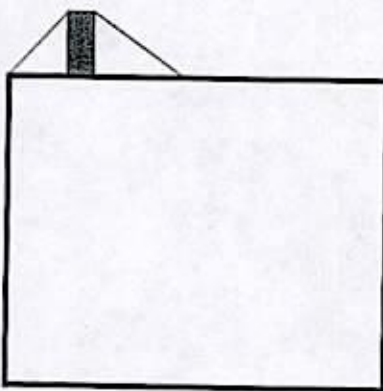


Sign flush or against outside edge of external or parapet wall.

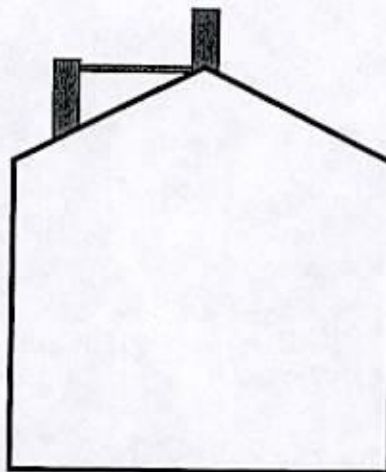


Sign flush against external or parapet wall. Sign may extend toward middle of roof deck.

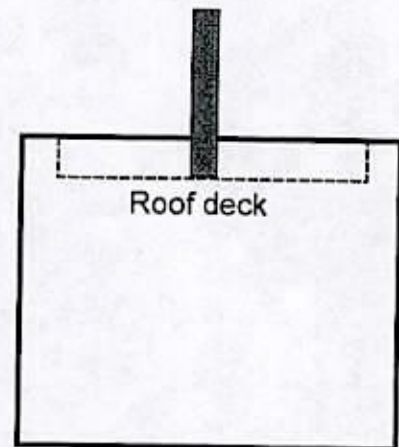
## NOT ACCEPTABLE PLACEMENT



No guy wires and sign not placed on roof away from external wall or parapet wall.



No sign placed on slope or ridge of roof and no exposed bracing.



Sign not placed away from edge of external or parapet wall.

# Freestanding Sign Height, Setback, & Area

